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Deng the reformer dies at 92

Chinese instability feared after 'beloved comrade passes away'

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BELIING

DENG XIAOPING, whose two decades as paramount leader of China brought the country both great economic reforms and the horrors of Tiananmen Square, died last night at the age of 92.
The official announcement

came after days of rumours that Deng's health had deteriorated sharply. He was in the advanced stages of Parkinson's disease, complicated by a lung infection, and was reported to have died of respiratory failure after emergency

treatment A letter to Communist Party members from China's Central Committee proclaimed with profound grief to the whole party, the whole army and the people of all ethnic groups throughout the country that our beloved Comrade

Deng Xiaoping passed away.

Last night four armed guards stood outside Deng's residence in a small lane behind the Forbidden City home to Chinese emperors for 500 years - but there were no other signs of troop movements, and Beijing appeared

Besides being of vital con-cern to China's 1.2 billion people, Deng's death will' cause anxiety in Hong Kong, which reverts to Chinese rule at the end of June. Stability in China is considered essential to Hong Kong's future prosperity, and the news is likely to have a dramatic affect on stock markets ali over Asia today.

The Chinese leadership will also be concerned about possible trouble at home. A new leadership is already in place, headed by Deng's chosen successor Jiang Zemin, but transition in China is always fraught with potential danger. A hundred million peasants



Jiang Zemin: Deng's

are on the move looking for work in the cities, and there has been ethnic unrest in Zinjiang and Tibet.

As with Mao Tse-Tung there is unlikely to be a gathering of world leaders for Deng's funeral since China prefers to keep such occasions to itself. A funeral committee has been set up, but the leadership will be concerned to avoid the trouble that can arise when people are allowed to congregate in large num-bers—it was the funeral of the deposed party chief Hu Yaobang in 1989 that precipitated the Tiananmen Square demonstrations that were so

violently suppressed.
In spite of that dark hour in Deng's leadership, foreign statesmen paid tribute to his achievements in transforming his country. President Clinton described him as an extraordinary figure on the world stage. "Mr Deng's long life spanned a century of turmoil, tribulation and remarkable change in China," he said. "He spurred China's historic economic reform program, which greatly improved living stan-dards in China and modern-

6 This tiny, brusque man of formidable guile and willpower was

a mass of contradictions. Ever ruthless, he was also several

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times a victim 9

ized much of the nation." Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State who was due to visit Beijing next week, recalled Tiananmen, however, and said that history's assessment of Deng

would be mixed.

Malcolm Riskind hoped that Deng's political and economic reforms would be consolidated and accelerated under the new leadership. The Foreign Secretary assumed that there would be a short period of uncertainty, but he hoped that would be followed by the stability and prospetity. that were vital to Hong Kong.

Deng, who weathered three political purges during his seven decades as a Communist Party member, rose to the pinnacle of power in 1978, two years after the death of his revolutionary mentor, Mao. He inherited a country paralysed by fear and poverty after the Cultural Revolution and gave the people back their

After the austere decade during which millions were persecuted or killed for political reasons, there was an explosion of once-hanned

Deng also set about putting China on the road to a market economy, opening the nation to the outside world and encouraging people to make money. He abolished farming communes, allowed some private enterprises and opened China to foreign investment by establishing special eco-nomic zones to produce goods for export.

Under his economic reforms of the 1980s, peasants and workers could for the first time afford to buy television sets, washing machines and refrig-erators. But the change also brought envy and social prob-lems as people were laid off from moribund state-run factories, widening the gap between rich and poor. Corruption also burgeoned.

causing wrath among ordi-nary Chinese who have no great love for the Government or of Deng himself - largely because he was no democrat. Human rights in China have not marked time with economic reforms, and the leading rights activists Wei Jingsheng and Wang Dan are serving long prison sentences for what the West would

consider normal political activity. there will be any liberalisation under Jiang and the premier Li Peng. Li's name is also associated along with Deng's with the crushing of the Tiananmen protests - aithough Jiang was not involved; he arrived in Beijing later in 1989 from Shanghai where he had handled prodemocracy demonstrations

without recourse to violence. It remains to be seen whether there is any revision of the verdict on Tiananmen or any challenge to the present leadership.



Deng, bringer of reform and repression, died of respiratory failure yesterday

Clouds gather over Hong **Kong**

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHAIRMAN MAO famously asked: "Who are our enemies and who are our friends?" That is now the question in

Hong Kong. Short, medium, and longterm. Deng Xiaoping's death will rock Hong Kong to its core. The city's future, in the last throes of its 150-year colonial history, suddenly

The news was not met with the near-disbelief and awe that Mao's death was in 1976. nor did it envoke the sadness that greeted Zhou Enlai's demise earlier that year. Hong Kong people, intensely political, will wonder what to expect before their new Government on July 1.

They recognise the impor-tance of their next leader, Tung Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive-designate, being in Beijing today to seek approval for the list of that government's top officials. Now it will be either scrutinised in haste and approved, or put on hold. But even if those designated do take office on July for how long will they remain? Mr Tung is in a cauldron of indecision and doubt despite whatever statements are is-

sued in Beijing about the stability of the "core leader". President Jiang Zemin, and those who cluster about him. Mr Deng was often quoted as saying he intended to be in Hong Kong for the handover ceremony. When his successors stand here for the raising

of the red flag, will they be

today's leaders, or will there

already have been changes?

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Tory MP hurt in go-kart accident BY JUL SHERMAN

MICHAEL JOPLING, the former agriculture minister, was being treated for suspected back injuries last night after an accident at a Lords-Commons go-karting event in. Fulham, London.

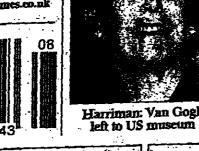
He was taken to the nearby Chelsea and Westminster Hospital with suspected fractured ribs and minor breathing problems. His condition was said to be "serious but stable".

A Conservative party source said efforts were being made to contact Mr Jopling's wife Gail, who is abroad. The MP Westmorland and Lonshis intention to retire at the next election.

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Harriman: Van Gogh

Clarke is isolated as Rifkind and Major harden the line on EMU

By Philip Webster and Janet Bush

KENNETH CLARKE was left isolated last night after Malcolm Rifkind broke the Cabinet truce on Europe and said that the Government was hospile to a European single

In a shift that delighted many Conservative MPs, the Foreign Secretary said that the Government was not neutral on monetary union but "on balance hostile". It was the most Eurosceptic line so far adopted by a senior minister. departing from the agreed position that ministers do not take sides on the merits of the Despite a swift rebuttal

from the Chancellor, who said that Mr Rifkind had made a "slip of the tongue under pressure", the Foreign Secretary stood his ground and was implicitly supported by the Prime Minister, who said that it was for the supporters of the single currency to show that it was "positively beneficial" for Britain to join.

In an interview with The Times today, Mr Clarke makes a passionate defence of the wait-and-see line that has held the Cabinet together. adding that there could be very considerable advantages" for Britain in joining. The Chancellor says that European politicians are increasingly jealous of Britain's

of envy of our options because, the nearer you get to the decision, the more you face up to very important judgments about where you think your economy is going to go for the

next few years."

He adds: "I think there could be very considerable advantages for the United Kingdom in joining a successful economic and monetary union. For that reason, we keep our option genuinely open and I can foresee Britain being a member, I can foresee Britain not being a member.

"This is always described as 'wait and see' as though one should not make some snap decision. I actually think it would be a terrible mistake to position. There is quite a bit decide one way or the other

now because you would be ruling out the possibility of making a judgment that could have a vital effect on jobs and prosperity some time in the future. So we remain open-

minded on the subject." The astonishing spectacle of Mr Major's two most senior ministers contradicting each other in public dismayed Conservative Party chiefs because it provided a graphic reminder of the divisions of recent years only weeks from the election.

Pro-Europeans accused Mr Rifkind of trying to enhance his leadership credentials with Continued on page 2, col 5

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He was your tax inspector. You must know where it is

Taxman jailed Michael Allcock, the taxman convicted of taking a string of bribes, was sentenced to five years in jail. MPs condemned the sentence, claiming that it showed that white collar

Churchill must share \$10m inheritance with wife



By Andrew Pierce AND TOM RHODES

WINSTON CHURCHILL, who spent most of his life living in the shadow of his glamorous mother Pamela Harriman, was left \$10 million (£6.2 million) in her will, it was disclosed yesterday.

But in the will, signed only one month before her death last month, Harriman stipulated that he must share the estate with Minnie, his estranged wife.

Harriman, the former US Ambassador to France, was the lover of some of the world's richest men but took a dim view of her son's decision to leave his wife of 31 years for another woman in 1994. The displeasure of the thrice-married

Harriman was underlined by the decision to leave her most valuable asset, Van Gogh's White Roses, valued at £50 million, to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, The inheritance comes two years after

Mr Churchill, 56, received £12.25 million of National Lottery funds to secure his grandfather's papers for the nation. although most historians assumed the country already owned them. It will soften the blow of the collapse of

Mr Churchill's political career which appeared absolute yesterday. His constituency, Davyhulme, has disappeared in the boundary changes. When Mr Chur-chill left his wife in 1994 for Luce Danielson, his conservative association

was so appalled it cancelled a lunch to celebrate his 25th year as an MP. Pressure grew on Mr Churchill last

night to pay back the lottery millions. Brian Wilson, a Labour frontbencher, said: "This confirms that Mr Churchill doesn't exactly need the lottery money. Perhaps be should examine his con-Harriman's four grandchildren each

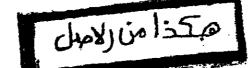
receive \$250,000 (£156,000) and Lord Digby, her brother, was left \$100,000. The two gardeners, the butier, the cook and the chauffeur were bequeathed as much as \$20,000 each in the will. But Janet Howard, a constant companion and personal assistant since 1980, is left



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When viewers seem to matter more than views

Deter Butler certainly knows how to flatter a girl. Rising yesterday to propose a Bill to ban intruders from schools, the Tory member for Milton Keynes NE fixed Betty Boothroyd with adoring gaze. "A generation ago.
Madam Speaker," he began.
"when you and I were at school..."
Mr Butler is 46. Miss Boothroyd

Earlier, she had found herself in a new predicament. Everybody knows that some MPs speaking in the chamber are less concerned with making sense to other MPs than with how they may look at six o'clock on television. Tony Blair's habit of turning his Question into a soundbite has become famous. But

HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

HEALTH authorities yester-

day demanded the introduc-

tion of stringent health checks

for doctors after the death of

an HIV-positive gynaecologist exposed failings in hospital

Three NHS hospitals that

employed 28-year-old Nigeri-

an Olukayode Fasawe, who

died last week, yesterday admitted that they did not ask

him whether he had been exposed to the risk of infection

The National Association of

Health Authorities and Trusts

said: "It is up to trusts to be as stringent as possible in explor-

ing the background of employ-

ees. Trusts don't want to

expose themselves to the risk

ter Healthcare NHS Trust

said yesterday that it would

review its procedures for

checking the health of employ-

ees but insisted the risks of

passing on HIV infection were

minuscule. Dr Fasawe, a lo-

cum junior doctor who started

work at the hospital on Febru-

ary 5, was passed as fit after

undergoing the standard pre-

employment medical, used by

most NHS trusts, which in-

cluded a questionnaire about

However, there was no spe-

cific question about HIV. The

closest to it was the question:

Are there any circumstances,

ions vou

The Royal Devon and Exe-

recruitment practices.

hy the Aids virus.

of being sued."

his health.

addressing each other, through the chair, is politely maintained.

Until yesterday. For no apparent reason, Robin Corbett, an Opposition spokesman on Industry, began: "May I assure those who watch this programme on their TVs...that Labour will show who is better able to govern?

There was laughter. We were amused partly by Mr Corbett's gaffe, and partly by the vanity of his supposition that, were Industry Ouestions to be on television at all (which was unlikely), anybody would be watching Mr Corbett.

This is not a man with any obvious aptitude for the small screen. Tall and unwieldy, with

Better vetting urged after

HIV-positive doctor dies

Dr Rosemary Geller, whose baby was treated by the

doctor, said that the risk of transmission was minute

the accident and emergency

department from May until

August Neither included a

Seven patients who under-

went invasive procedures by

Dr Fasawe, who worked as a

locum obstetrician and gynae-

cologist at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital from July

15-19 last year and from Febru-

ary 5-7 this year, were being

contacted by the trust. A further 93 patients seen by Dr

Fasawe were not being con-

tacted because they are

thought to be at no risk.

specific question about HIV.

have which could affect your

Dr Fasawe went sick three

days later and died at his flat

in Exeter last week. An inquest

in Exmouth yesterday was

told that a post-mortem ex-

amination was carried out but

no cause of death was given.

lar questionnaires at the Royal

Shrewsbury Hospital where

he worked as a locum gynae-

cologist from last August until

February 4 and at the Frimley

Park Hospital, Camberley.

Dr Fasawe answered simi-

The inquest was adjourned.

performance at work?"



General Medical Council on

January 2, 1996. He gave the

address of his uncle in Liver-

pool but it is not known where

he worked until he took a job

at Frimley Park Hospital on

May I, 1996. He did not

perform invasive procedures and the hospital said none of

the 300 patients he treated are

Fifty patients who under-

which he carried out at the

Royal Shrewsbury Hospital

The British Medical Associ-

ation dismissed pre-employ-ment testing for all doctors as

simplistic. "A negative HIV test could provide a false

reassurance because the per-

son tested may have been very

recently infected -- and it can

take up to three months to

show a positive result. Equally

the person tested could be

exposed to an HIV risk imm-

The Public Health Labora-

tory Service said doctors were

at much greater risk of being infected by HIV positive pa-

tients than vice versa. There

have been no recorded cases of

HIV transmission from

healthcare workers to patients

in the UK, and only two in the

The health departent said

there were no plans to intro-

duce national guidelines re-

quiring NHS trusts to ask

specific questions about the

risks of HIV.

ediately after the test."

invasive procedures

being contacted.

are being contacted

scraggy hair and a haphazard turn of speech, the MP for Erdington might just be employable as an extra in a gardening programme. or in a walk-on part in One Man and His Dog, but would be welladvised not to give up his daytime job yet. Miss Boothroyd looked cross,

but said nothing. She looked crosser when the Tories' Sir Irvine Pamick (Sheffield Hallam) began his question on firework safety: "I hope, in this programme, Madam Speaker ...' At least Sir Irvine was addressing the camera via the chair. It was possible to hear in his patter an echo of that chap who used to do The Good Old Days, or to imagine him as a television conjuror, or with finger-puppets, or an emu.

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"In this theatre, or chamber ..." he remarked. "Or studio." shouted someone. He tried a firework joke. "Damp squib," grunted Nicholas Winterton (C, Macclesfield), for the cameras. "I want to hear the jokes," protested the Speaker. Next, Mark Robinson (Somerton and Frome) invited Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, to "tell the viewers you cannot cherry-pick from the social chapter. Mr Lang was once a scriptwriter for That Was The Week That Was. He knows about ratings. He declined the invitation to treat the session as

After Mr Corbett, MPs heard another of their number, Geoffrey Clifton-Brown (C, Cirencester and Tewkesbury) saying nothing much but reminding us of an amiable version of Harry Enfield's Tory Boy. If Mr Clifton-Brown could cultivate spots and expand his repertoire, there may be a future for him in comedy. On the other hand there may not All the while. the great Shakespearean actor (resting) and Labour MP for Warley E. Andrew Fanlds, had been rumbling away on his bench, beard aquiver, maddened by his exclusion from the limelight. At Points of Order he erupted.

It was a disgrace that MPs were "making remarks to viewers". He appealed to the chair to "remove those objectionable cameras". Reminding him that his own front bench had started it, Madam Speaker declined but "deprecated" the habit of addressing cameras. A generation ago, when she and Peter Butler were young, nobody would have dared.

MPs attack MoD sale of homes to Japanese

MPs on the all-party defence select committee yesterday refused to give support to the Government's £1.66 billion sale of Service married quarters to a consortium led by the Japanese bank Nomura International. The committee, which has a Conservative majority, said in an interim report that it could endorse neither the principle of the sale by the MoD of 58,000 married quarters last year nor the choice of buyer.

£27m lottery park

A £27 million grant towards the creation of a National Discovery Park on Merseyside, was announced by the Millennium Commission. The £90 million project which, it is hoped, will create 1,600 jobs, will house national and international communication companies, studios, production training, shops and facilities

County lifts can

With the support of Conservative councillors. Oxfordshire has become the first local authority this year to set a budget above the Government's capping limit. Tory and Labour members on the hung council have jointly agreed to spend £6 million more than the £339.5 million Whitehall says is the maximum the county needs.

Irish protest

Dick Spring, Ireland's Foreign Minister, has protested to the British ambassador about the treatment of Roisin Mc-Aliskey, the pregnant daughter of the former MP Bernadette McAliskey, at Hol-loway Prison. She is being held as a high-risk prisoner while awaiting extradition to Germany on charges relating to an IRA attack.

Blandford held

The Marquis of Blandford was arrested yesterday for driving while disqualified, four days before he was due to get his licence back at the end of a 12-ributh ban. James Spencer-Churchill was stopped by Thames Valley Police while driving a blue Nregistered Porsche in Kidlington. Oxfordshire, apparently on a shopping trip.

Nick Ross quits

Nick Ross is to leave his Radio 4 phone-in programme after more than ten years. He will go as soon as the general election campaign starts. when his Tuesday morning Call Nick Ross becomes Election Call under a different presenter. Radio 4 will announce the departure of Ross,

49, today. Peter Barnard, page 37 Cromwell Street

A plan has been unveiled for a pedestrian walkway on the site of the demolished home of the mass murderer Frederick West, Gloucester City Council is seeking public comment on the walkway where 25 Cromwell Street stood. Nearby residents had opposed any new building and proposals for a memorial garden were rejected in a consultants' report.

Jopling injured

Michael Jopling, the former treated for suspected back injuries after an accident in a Lords v Commons go-karting event. He was taken from the Fulham track to the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital with suspected fractured ribs and minor breathing problems. His condition was s

to be serious but stable. Mesolithic canoe

Archaeologists have found the oldest canoe in Ireland in mudflats on the Shannon Estuary. The canoe, loft long and 2ft wide and carved from a single piece of poplar, has been carbon dated to 4800 BC. which is 2,000 years older than any other craft found in Ireland. It would have been used by Mesolithic settlers.



Rifkind adjusts his headphones as he listens to comments after his speech

Germans interested in deeds, not semantics

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE muances of Malcolm Rifkind's words were no more than another puzzling cross-channel diversion for the German leadership. The real meat of the visit, as far as the Bonn was his attempt to address the German people over the heads of their government, and spark, if not resistance, then at

least an active Euro debate. His artful speech tried to avoid direct confrontation with Chancellor Kohl, but it was plain that Mr Rifkind was in effect urging the Germans to ditch the ideas of their leader. Each of the Chancellor's favourite metaphors was taken up and dismantled with the ardour of an ambitious barrister. There was, he said,

tween the goals of German policy in Europe, and the establishment of a European superstate it was therefore Chancellor Kohl has done) that Germany was not aiming for a United States of Europe.

There was no point in talking about a faster integrating Europe which left behind the "slowest boats" in the convoy: We are not talking about convoys, we are talking about democracy. The European Union cannot afford to brush aside the deeply held concerns of its peoples just because they happen to be in a minority." Other Kohl metaphors were also thrown overboard. It was wrong to portray monetary union as a matter of

war and peace - keeping:

WHAT THEY SAID

Malcolm Rifkind (8 am): "No, we are not neutral. We are actually, on balance, we are hostile to a single currency but we accept that you have to think very carefully about these matters before you rule it out completely." Kenneth Clarke (am): The Government doesn't have a hostile attitude to the single currency. It was obviously a

slip of the tongue under pressure."

John Major (am): "The balance is that we at present have

sterling. People will have to show to us that it will be positively beneficial to change."

Downing Street spokesman clarifying the Government's position on a single currency (noon): "It is neither in that sense against it or for it. It is a question of whether, when decisions have to be made, it is in the national interest." Rifkind (1 pm): "I am entirely happy with what both the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer were

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EMU row isolates Clarke

Continued from page 1 the Right. But some Tory MPs regarded as a significant hardening of the options-open line. They went further and criti-They went further and criti-cised Mr Clarke for raising the stakes and making his diagreement with Mr Rilkind public. Iain Duncan-Smith, Tory MP for Chingford, said: Why is a member of the Cabinet questioning a colleague in public? These things

should be done privately."

In Washington, Gordon
Brown, Shadow Chancellor,
opened up another front, telling an audience of businessmen that re-electing the Tories, with a huge Eurosceptic contingent, "would be a recipe for continued civil war over Europe, with the national interest the loser".

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Conservative Central Office was aghast at the reopening of party wounds on an issue that it was trying to bury in the run-up to the election.

The Tory manifesto posture on the single currency has already been agreed, with ministers accepting that the wait-and-see stance insisted on by Mr Clarke is preferable to any attempt to harden it. which would inevitably lead to it to start with a few countries

a party row. said that Mr Clarke had shown yet again that he was the only serious obstacle to the Government's taking a firm line in principle against the

single currency. In The Times interview the Chancellor takes a notably sceptical line about the prospects for a single currency going ahead in 1999 and says firmly that Britain would not be part of a fudged arrangement: "If a group of countrie went ahead without achieving genuine convergence, I would be opposed and would quite

openly say so." The circumstances that would preclude his support for joining would include both creative accounting by countries seeking to meet the Maastricht treaty limit on budget deficits to 3 per cent of gross domestic product as well as any agreement to soften

The Chancellor believes that it is quite likely that monetary union will start after January l, 1999, the date proposed at esent, and that, whenever EMU does happen, he expects

that have genuinely converging economies Yesterday's row blew up after it was suggested to Mr

Europe as it was did not

signify a return to the 1920s or

1930s, said the Foreign Secre-

tary. Rather it was the very

idea of dividing Europe into

fast and slow integrators which would create friction. -

Thus old tired metaphors

were traded for new. If Euro-

pean policy was a symphony,

it had to be remembered that

orchestras could function only

on the principle of unanimity
— there could be no majority

voting among strings or brass.

all the footprints leading into

the cave and none of them

coming out. So they doubt

whether it is wise to go any

The Adenauer Institute au-

further inside themselves.

dience - policy-makers, am-

bassadors and retired civil servants, many with hearing

problems - was not exactly

representative of the German

public. It was quietly dismis-sive, guffawing when Mr Rifkind declared with a

straight face that Britain "was

the least nationalist of all

members of the European

Union . A European Commis-

sion representative asked the

Foreign Secretary why he was taking the debate to Europe instead of trying to sell his

policy more persuasively to the British people. Mr Rifkind talked of a "vigorous debate"

in Britain and suggested it

was the Germans who were in

Where does it end?

Britain, he said could "see

Rifkind during an interview on Radio 4's Today pro-gramme that the Cabinet was neutral on the single corrency. He retorted: "No, we are not neutral. On balance, we are hostile to a single currency, but we accept that you have to think very carefully about these matters before you rule it out completely."

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Investigator 'destroyed by greed'

Corrupt taxman's five years too lenient, say MPs

MICHAEL ALLCOCK, the taxman convicted of taking a string of bribes, was sentenced to five years in jail yesterday. As he began his prison term, MPs condemned the leniency of the sentence, claiming that it showed that white collar crime does pay.

Allcock, 47, showed no emotion as Judge Beaumont told him at the Old Bailey that he had been destroyed by his own greed. "Your corrupt behaviour has cast a long shadow which I cannot ignore. It has called into question the ca-reers of others and has threatened the integrity of the service itself. You are a man of marked ability and drive and with a determination to succeed.

The sadness of your case is that the evidence makes it equally clear that had you the will to do so, you could have prospered in a career at the Inland Revenue which had begun so promisingly. You hadn't got that will. It was destroyed by greed for a style of life and the trappings of success which went with money far, far beyond that which you earned."

That greed, the judge said, had blurred his distinction of what was acceptable and what was not in the way he conducted himself in the far from hidebound regime of the Special Office.

The judge said: "The public expects and is entitled to expect its servants to be incorruptible. That they are is, in part, maintained by the knowledge that when public servants are found to fall below those standards it is met with instant imprisonment.

Your corrupt behaviour is aggravated by the length of time it continued and by the scale on which you were prepared to accept the largesseof those seeking favoured

The sentence was criticised by Toby Jessel, Conservative MP for Twickenham. "This sentence for this type of offence should be exemplary, he said. "I think the Inland Revenue themselves would want to uphold the highest standards and would expect a sentence so severe that no one else would risk that kind of corrupt behaviour. This is

Lady Olga Maitland, Tory. MP for Sutton and Cheam, said: "This demonstrates that white collar crime can pay." Eddie Loyden, Labour MP for Liverpool Garston, said:

Allcock: faces further

questioning in prison

and that does not appear to

have happened in this case."

questioned in prison by detec-tives who believe he may have

secreted away more than £500,000 taken in bribes. In

spite of a five-year investiga-tion and a four-month trial,

estimated to have cost £5 million, detectives have traced

They are convinced that

with his lavish lifestyle of fast

cars, holidays and sex — Allcock was provided with a

prostitute - he took far more

only £150,000.

Allcock is expected to be

adisappointingly modest sen-

"It appears to be a paltry could round on him in this way. I love him and will stand tence. It is a question of the punishment fitting the crime Allcock had been convicted of six charges of corruption while heading a special unit, known as Ghosthusters, which concentrated on chasing wealthy, mainly foreign businessmen, for undeclared

He was convicted of accepting the services of a call girl, Michelle Corrigan, as a bribe from Hisham Alwan, an lragi-born oil consultant. Alwan, 57, from Knightsbridge, London, who was convicted of paying for Allcock's first sex session with Miss Corrigan, was given a nine-month suspended sentence and allowed to leave the court. Alwan, who owes the Inland Revenue more than £200,000 in unpaid taxes, was ordered to pay a token £1,000 towards

than has been accounted for as

Sally Allcock, 44, dismissed

had money hidden in foreign

bank accounts. Speaking from her home in Colchester, Essex.

she said: "I am obviously

devastated by what has hap-pened. I know Michael is not a

"I find it unbelievable that

after all the money he has

recovered for the revenue they

liability.

the prosecution costs. Five other charges against Allcock were ordered by the judge to lie on the file. They allege he had claimed a total of £420 expenses for five hotel trysts with Michelle Corrigan between 1990 and 1992. Allcock denied all of them in court and the prosecution said that as they alleged corruption on a lesser scale, they were content not to proceed.

in the wake of the scandal, the worst in the history of the Inland Revenue, several of Allcock's inspector-level colleagues face internal inquiries and sanctions that could in-clude dismissal.



Miss Winkett outside St Paul's, where her appointment as the first woman canon led its chancellor to say he would absent himself when she celebrated communion

Woman canon not upset by criticism

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Rev Lucy Winkett returned to St Paul's Cathedral from a skiing holiday yesterday and said she was not upset by the criticism her appointment as its first woman canon had attracted while she was away.

"I have been involved in the Church for most of my life so I have been well aware that the Church holds within it differing opinions on the subject of the ordination of women." Miss Winkett, 29, said. The Cambridge graduate, who is a talented soprano, said she was proud of the Church for finding a way to live with its differences.

There is pain on both sides. What I feel very strongly is that I want to overcome the differences between someone like me, who feels as a woman called to the priesthood - I believe myself to be a priest - and someone who finds that very difficult." One member of the chap-

ter, Canon John Halliburton, the chancellor of St Paul's, has said he will absent himself from the cathedral - a bastion of Anglo-Catholicism - whenever she eclebrates communion. Yesterday, he joined Miss Winkett and the Dean, the Very Rev John Moses, at St Paul's chapter house and repeated that, although he was "looking forward very much" to working with her, he would not be

present at such times. "A certain authority has to be abroad in the Church before you take a step like the ordination of women to the priesthood," he said.

Miss Winkett said her vocation had come upon her in a single moment, when she was about 23. "I was sitting in a church service one evening and it just kind of happened. Something clicked inside me and I Something wanted to be a priest."

Miss Winkett went to theological college after her boyfriend, Andrew Stillwell, died after he fell while walking in the French Alps. She said there was no direct link with her calling. "I would not say that there is any kind of logical progression from one to the other. That is too easy and death is not like that."



Hope of promotion for hero **Dowding**

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

LORD DOWDING, who masterminded the Battle of Britain as Commander-in-Chief Fighter Command in 1940, may be given a unique posthumous promotion.

The RAF hero was never

appointed to the five star marshal of the Royal Air Force rank, despite his huge achieve ments in saving Britain from Hitler's bombers. Although Winston Churchill made him a baron in gratitude for his wartime command, Lord Dowding remained a four star air chief marshal.

After a long campaign by surviving Battle of Britain pilots, the Ministry of Defence has now finally agreed to look into his possible posthumous elevation to marshal of the Royal Air Force. A spokesman for the RAF confirmed that the matter was being studied, although he emphasised that it would be "most unusual" to

have a postumous promotion. He added: "Lord Dowding received a number of honours for his achievements in the Second World War and he is one of the few RAF commanders to have a statue erected in London." David Whiting, Lord Dowding's stepson, said yesterday:"I'm delighted. Had he been marshal of the RAF his final years would have been far easier for him as he would have continued with a very good war pension." Peter Vincent, one of the leading campaigners for Lord

Dowding's posthumous pro-motion, said: "They must be able to bend the rules.

Three months for | Drug user cleared PC in death race

BY JOANNA BALE

A POLICE patrolman was jailed for three months yester day over the deaths of his colleague and an innocent motorist in a crash during a 100mph chase.

PC Leslie Collins, 43, of West Midlands Police, was found guilty of two charges of causing death by dangerous driving. The jury took nearly four hours to reach unani-mous decisions at Birmingham Crown Court.

PC Collins was at the wheel of a marked pairol car which responded to an alarm call in Oldbury in the early hours of December 17, 1995. On arrival. he saw a stolen red Ford Escort drive away. PC Collins and his passenger, PC Robert

Dallow, 41, gave chase.

The Escort, driven by a 16-year-old youth, drove around local streets before going on to the A4123 Wolverhampton Road dual carriageway. Michael Joyce, for the prosecution, said: "In the course of the pursuit, the defendant went through a red traffic light and collided with a vehicle driven by Neil Homer, which was

Mr Homer, 20, of Oldbury.

West Midlands, was at the wheel of a white Vauxhall Nova, had slowly pulled out of the junction. The police car slammed into his driver's door at a speed estimated at 93mph. The police car swerved off into

iron railings. Investigations showed that the young man's car was travelling at about 20mph when he was killed. PC Dallow also died, but PC Collins walked away virtually unscathed. He was later sus-

pended from duty.
Some witnesses said they had not seen brake lights on the police car as he approached the junction, and it appeared he had engaged the brakes only after had seen the Nova, when it was too late to avoid the collision. The officer maintained that he had his blue lights flashing and two-

tone horn sounding to alert PC Collins, a qualified adayanced driver, maintained that he had believed the pursuit was safe. The 16-year-old driving the stolen car was later sentenced to 12 months in custody for motoring offences. including aggravated vehicle

of Rolex robbery

By Stephen Farrell

A SELF-CONFESSED drug user was cleared of robbing a company director of his £16,000 Rolex watch at knifepoint yesterday after saying that occaine dealers kidnapped his young son and forced him to it.

A jury found Alec Alowade. 21, had acted under duress in the attack on Vincent and Elizabeth Monsey while their Range Rover was stuck in traffic in west London last

August. Mr Monsey, 53, told Southwark Crown Court how two hooded men broke the driver's window, ripped off his watch at knifepoint and fled after failing to take his wife's matching £12,000 Rolex. Alowade, from Paddington.

west London, was caught moments later by plainclothes police and a group of South African tourists who gave chase and found the stolen watch in bis pocket.

He admitted taking part in the attack but denied charges of robbery and attempted robbery, saying he had acted under duress because he owed an £800 cocaine debt to a Yardie gang who had abductsum to £2,500. A second defendant, Tarek Alayli, 21, of Fulham, west London, admitted both charges. He will be

sentenced later. Sally Howes, for the prose-cution, said Mr Monsey, who was recovering from a heart attack eight months earlier. and his American-born wife Elizabeth, 36, a cable television programming director, were driving home to Barnes, southwest London, when he saw two hooded men one black and one Mediterranean, approach the car. The pair smashed the driver's window

to get in.
Mr Monsey said: "The black man came right into the car and started lighting with us. The top half of his body was completely in the vehicle. The whole time they kept saying. Give us the Rolex or we'll stab you'. The black man leant across me and started attacking my wife. She screamed: 'He's got a knife'. Mr Monsey said they had

appealed for help to a taxi driver, who just shrugged his shoulders and turned away. Mrs Monsey, who used a pen to fight off the attackers,

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Britain may yodel to reach peak of the Eurovision song mountain

By DAMIAN WHITWORTH

SCOTSMEN haven taken a singing tip from the Swiss to create Britain's hottest contender to end 16 years of failure in the Eurovision Song Contest. Their entry is a full-throated mountain yodel.

The writers of Yodel in the Canyon of Love admitted last night that the song was a spoof based on a pile of sillier entries from Eurovision history, but insisted that it was also a serious love song. Kenny MacDonald, who collaborated with Gordon MacDonald, who is

an relation, said: "I take my inspiration the more fun side of Eurovision, but it is also a positive love song and will be performed like that."

The song is on the shortlist of four for the Great British Song Contest, which will select the UK Eurovision entry next month. It will be sung by Kerry

McGregor, 22, who is paralysed from the knees down after falling out of a tree as a trenager. The record features a dance beat underneath the kind of philations designed to communicate with a neighbour on the far side of an Alpine valley. Such conherd-wooing lyrics as "I you'll in the canyon of love/I call your name/Again and again".

Jonathan King, the organiser of the Great British Song Contest, said he loved the record but was uncertain how it would fare when other European countries judged its quality. "It's absolutely a spoof and I think it's terribly funny. But it is also infectious and catchy and sounds like a hit. However, I dread to idea of it being our entry because it the idea of it being our entry because it will either storm it or get nul points, though I would hope for douze points from the Swiss and Austrians." Britain last won the Eurovision Song

Making Your Mind Up, a fairly straightforward dity, but the annals of the contest are littered with preposterous winners. Our very own Bung, and other with Boom Bung-A-Bung, and other interiors artists bean included Dies. victorious entries have included Ding Ding Dong from the Dutch, Diggi-loo. Diggy-ley from the Swedes, A-Ba-Ni-Bi from Israel and La La La from Spain. Unfortunately the silly songs are now

in the dim and distant past," said King. "Recently they have been neither silly nor good. Let's hope this year we can break the mould." When the laughter at the Swiss emhassy had subsided, a spokeswoman

said: "We don't have a monopoly on yodelling. There are the Austrians and Germans of course, and the Japanese have become very taken with it. We welcome all yodellers."

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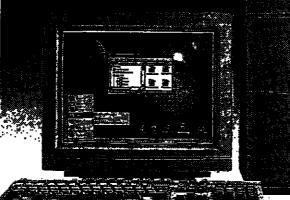
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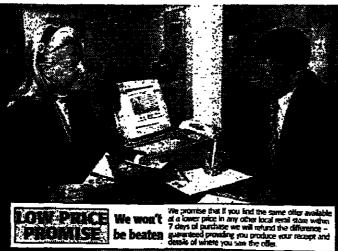
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Home Office says more than 100,000 paedophiles at large

AT LEAST 110,000 convicted paedophiles live in England and Wales, and most of them are at large, according to a detailed Home Office study. They are among 260,000 men who have been convicted of sexual offences.

The scale of the problem casts doubt on the Govern-ment's strategy of tackling public concern by requiring sex criminals to register their addresses with the police. It also highlights the scale of the problem faced by schools, playgroups, churches and others hoping to keep paedophiles away from

A total of about 4,200 sex offenders are in prison, at least half of them for offences committed against children. The proposed register will not be retrospective, so it would be decades before a comprehensive list of men who pose a potential danger to children

and women is complete.
The figures are contained in a draft report placed in the House of Commons library by the Home Office Minister David Maclean, in response to question tabled by Peter Thurnham, a Liberal Democrat spokesman on social services. The document has been prepared by Peter Marshall of the Home Office Research and Statistics Directorate, using a computerised database of all

It is a difficult exercise to work out how many of the population have committed offences. Some are convicted inf several at once and others



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Thurnham: called for

reoffend over years. It is the first time the real proportion of paedophiles has been calculated. This week the authors of an Australian paedophile register containing hundreds of names, and some photo-graphs, promised to publish a similar book for public sale in

many suspects are cleared. Mr

Thurnham said: "They reckon

that only 5 per cent go before a

abuse within the family where

there is a conspiracy to keep it from court. It will be decades

before the register is anywhere

near complete although it is a

Mr Thurnham said pae-dophiles should remain in

custody until they were as-

sessed as being safe for re-

year, whether the Govern-

ment would promise adequate

treatment to cure molesters: People are not voting politi-

cians in on the amount of

money they spend on treat-

The Home Office figures include an age breakdown. There are 4,000 men aged 20 to 25 with paedophile convictions; 6,000 aged 26 to 29; 21,000 in their 30s and 79,000 over 40. Male child molesters are six times as likely to commit an offence against a girl as a boy. Because illegal sex is so widespread, the register is likely to become

The Sex Offenders Bill excludes people involved in minor offences. prostitutes and their clients, men who commit indecent exposure and people possessing hard pornography depict-

It also makes some exclusions on grounds of age: the obligation to register would not include teenagers who had sex with under-age partners, and homosexuals who be-

That still leaves 125,000 men who would have been required to notify police of their addresses if the law had been in force since the 1950s. That is the number of males who have committed such crimes as rape, incest, indecent assault. and sex with minors.

The register would be even longer because people who are cautioned instead of going to list for five years. There are 2,200 cautions a year given to men for sexual offences. The reconviction rate for sex

criminals is lower than for other types of crime, but experts believe that many more continue to offend without getting catight. Within five years of conviction for a sexual offence, 10 per cent of offend-ers had been convicted of another sex charge and The 110,000 figure for the number of convicted paedophiles is likely to be far below the real rate of child

Jailed molester loses right to council house

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

A COUNCIL won the right yesterday to refuse to rehouse a convicted paedophile with a long history of assaults on children who lost his council home when serving a jail

in a landmark case, the High Court ruled that the circumstances provided ample justification" for the London Borough of Hourslow's refusal to provide a roof for R, a 65-year-old man who cannot be named.

The man had accused the housing authority of acting illegally when it decided he was not entitled to help because he had made himself "intentionally homeless" by being jailed for sexual assaults on this and losing his original countil accommodation.

Stephen Richards, sitting as a deputy High Court judge. for judicial review. The judge agreed with the council that a fair-minded bystander". knowing of R's long history of sexual offences against children and long periods in prison, would unhesitatingly conclude that loss of accommodation was the likely result of committing further

offences. Yesterday's ruling clarifies the law for housing authorities all over the country grappling with their duty to offer accommodation to homeless people. But lawyers acting on behalf of paedophiles fear that it could add to the dangers of a lynch law" mentality devel-

Occupiers of second homes have needed a TV licence since last March, but some people living in caravans no longer need one (report, February 12). The effect on BBC revenue is likely to be negligible.

oping as the debate continues on whether the public should have access to a paedophile register so that they can identify child molesters living near

The ruling, which could also have implications for former prisoners generally, came under immediate fire from penal reform groups. Paul Cavadino, chair of the Penal Affairs Consortium, which represents 29 criminal justice odies, said that the ruling could put the public more at risk, as prisoners released without accommodation were more than twice as likely to re-

"it appears to deprive any ex-prisoner who reoffends of the right to housing on the ground that be has become intentionally homeless, which is extremely disturbing," he said. "Giving housing authorities a blanket discretion to refuse housing to ex-prisoners will increase - not decrease the risk to the public."

He said that it was important to remember that paedophiles refused accommodation did not disappear. They move elsewhere, typically to anony-mous bedsits, but still in towns and cities full of children." The measures which could do most to prevent reoffending included extending intensive supervision and treatment programmes, he said. But it is much more difficult to treat people not in settled accommodation.

Jan Luba, counsel for R. had argued that it was unreasonable for the council to have expected him to keep up the tenancy when he could not afford the rent. If the council were right, it would mean that any council tenant jailed for a period which meant they could not keep up rent payments would face homelessness because of inability to

Schoolgirl died in frenzy of blows from 18in spike

killer of the schoolgirl Billie Jo Jenkins yesterday displayed a metal spike identical to the IS in tent peg used to bludgeon her. The weapon is still being examined by torensic scien-

Jeremy Paine, who is leading the investigation, said that the 13-year-old girl was hit more than once with the spike, which weighs about 2lb. "It was a frenzied attack," he said. Sussex police have asked criminal psychologists at the National Crime Faculty at Bramshill, Hampshire, to pre-

pare a profile of the murderer.
"I am confident that they will be able to give us some help," Mr Paine said. computerised image of a man seen leaving the Jenkins's house at Hastings on Boxing Day or the day after. The man, 6ft tall, in his early twenties and wearing black gloves and

the weeks before the killing. prehensive School for Girls,

A 21b tent peg identical to the one used by the

murderer as his victim painted a patio door

a black woolly hat, does not

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A computer image of a 6ft man seen at Christmas leaving the Hastings home of Billie-Jo Jenkins

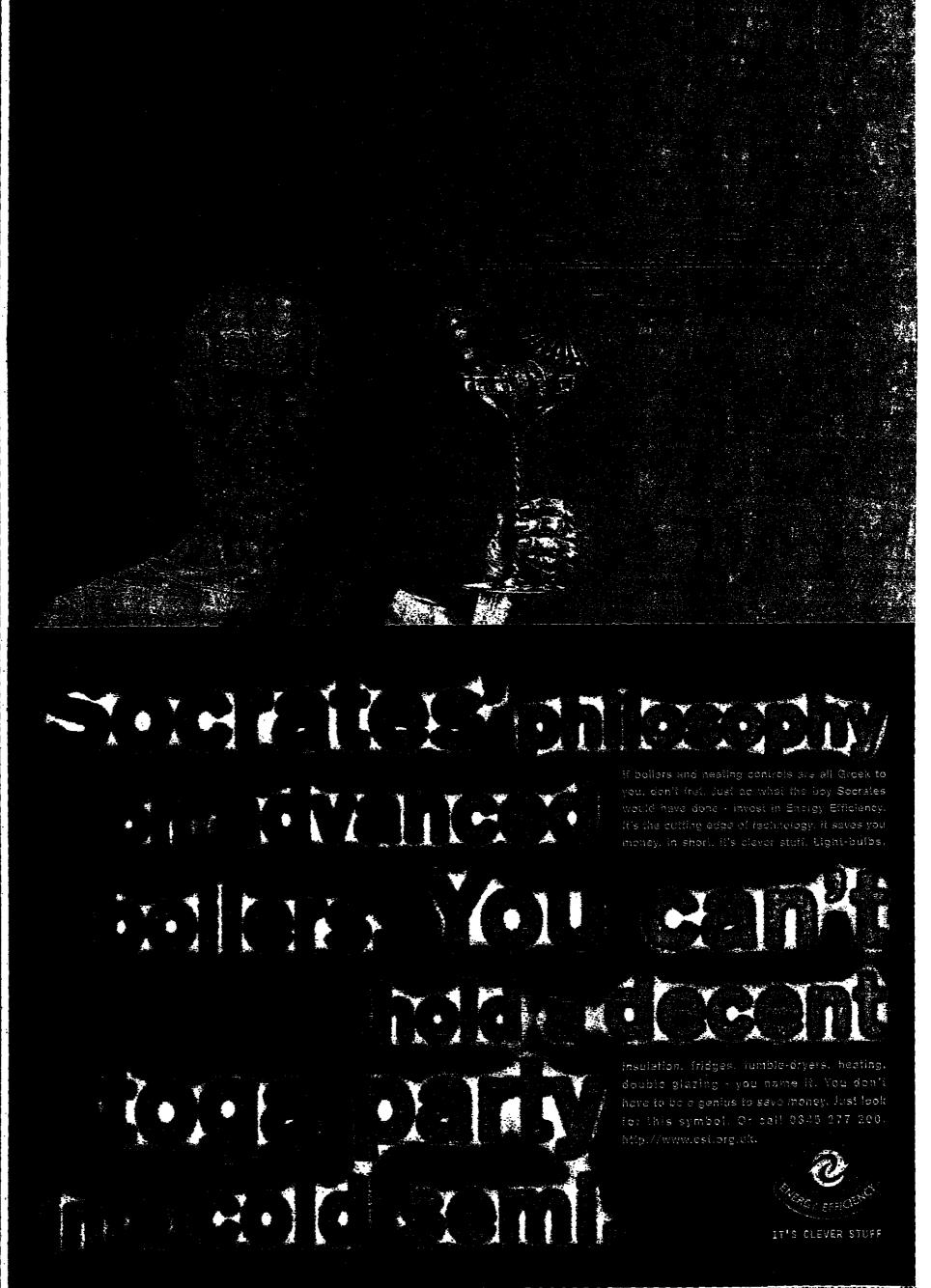
vice yesterday. Many of the 167 girls in her year wept as revenge," he said. they stood in silent tribute to the girl they had elected as their representative on the school council. A memorial service for the whole school will be held later. Pupils will be asked to submit ideas for a

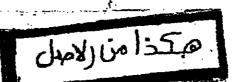
Jo in the school grounds. The Rev Roger Gray, minister of the Baptist church which the family attended, said that he had spoken to Sion and Lois Jenkins, Billie-Jo's legal

permanent memorial to Billie-

guardians. "I feel they would want to look for forgiveness. We teach that - we don't take

The family have wor-shipped at Halton Baptist Church since moving to Hastings in 1993, Billie-Jo, who was killed as she nainted natio doors last Saturday afternoon, was considering baptism by immersion. Mr Gray said. "She was a lovely girl. She liked looking after young people. She was full of energy and was beginning to think about being baptised."





Patients support Dr John who wants to be Joanna

A GP has sent letters to 15,000 patients telling them he is to and wishes to be called Joanna when he returns to work. John Browne, a divorced father of four, has the full

backing of the St Bartholomew's Medical Centre. Oxford, where he has worked for 15 years, and of the British Medical Association.

In the letters, which patients received yesterday. Dr Browne, 46, who has been undergoing hormone treattranssexual who has suffered a "prolonged battle" with his feelings for many years.

There is a condition which

goes to the very root of a person's identity," he writes. This condition is present from birth and means that an individual's 'brain sex' (how they think) is opposite to the physical sex suggested by their by a transformation to the physical appearance of a female. For the next few weeks I shall be taking leave of absence from St Bartholomew's



Dr John Browne will

afterwards as Dr Joanna Staff at the fundholding practice in the Cowley area of Oxford said that, so far, patients had been largely supman, had asked to change to another doctor. Other patients are being offered information leaflets on transsexuality or discussions with management at the centre.

Some patients said they had

ago. Dr Seymour J.G. Spencer, 76, a retired psychiatrist, said he and his wife Margaret, who had been patients for 15 years, regarded it as a private matter that would make no difference to them.

"We did notice that he had started to wear make up and had dyed his hair and grown it long so it was clear there was a problem," Dr Spencer said. "But it will make no difference to him professionally. He will be the same person and have the same brain. He is an excellent doctor, very erudite and very compassionate."

The senior partner at the practice, Dr Roger Burne, aid: "He has been a good colleague and friend for a eat number of years and I shall continue to support him. He has become aware of a deep conviction that he should have been born female. This some very difficult personal

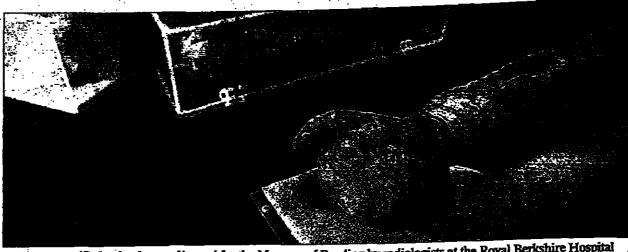
and professional issues. There is no evidence to show anyone leaving the practice because of this. Those who know about it have been nothing but supportive."

public relations adviser in the clinic, said: "Gender reassign ment remains a rarely per formed procedure. Because o its rarity, it attracts a great deal of attention and specula tion which can be both stress

The BMA would want to see the individual's decision to proceed with gender assign-ment-respected and their privacy safeguarded. The BMA believes every doctor should have the right to be open about their sexuality and gender identity at work without fear of discrimination."

One patient, Tony Moore, 47, said: "It will make no difference to me. He is an excellent doctor. I just hope he finds personal happiness." A 28-year-old woman

patient added: "I noticed Dr effeminate. I thought he must be gay. But now I know he is having a sex change, it all makes sense. I think it's a very brave thing for him to do. He always looks very happy and always seems to be dashing about the surgery in good



The mummified animals were X-rayed for the Museum of Reading by radiologists at the Royal Berkshire Hospital

X-rays let cat out of the bag after 2,500 years

ment for identification were mummified remains were actually cats from ancient Egypt, all preserved to share the afterlife with their owners 2,500 years ago.

Curators at the Museum of Reading approached the Royal Berkshire Hospital after deciding to restore the fragile artefacts, which had been at the museum since the 1930s. It took the radiologist Jim Chorley five minutes to "I've never X-rayed a mummy before. They are certainly less



Exposed: the cat that was alive in about 500 BC

Celia Lincoln, a museum woman, said: "We dethem X-rayed to make certain what they were. We were

suffered a lot of wear and tear over the centuries and they are taken out to schools and shown to children."

Philip Wickens, secretary

Egypt Society, said that muni-mification of cats was exacred and their owners often took them with them after they died. There's a gravethem. Unfortunately, the Vietorians didn't have the same regard for them when they started bringing back items from Egypt. They used these mummified cats as ballast on the ships and even as fuel for boilers and furnaces. When they got back to England, the mummies often ended up as

Branson's trains will take years to get up to speed

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

vesterday that it would be up to five years before passengers noticed major improvements in the West Coast main line rail service after Virgin won a 15-year franchise to run the London to Glasgow route.

Mr Branson, who has pledged to spend £600 million on a fleet of 140mph tilting trains to cut journey times, admitted that it would take time to turn around the underfunded line. "Our pledge is toturn this into the best railway in Europe, but it will not be going to be putting seat-back

Critics of rail privatisation said the disruption caused by cars from the M6. The rail the sell-off had delayed the route currently has about 6 £2 billion upgrading of the 400-mile line by a decade. British Rail was granted funding in the 1993 Budget but the work was cancelled because of privatisation. It will now be carried out by Railtrack. The line, which was last upgraded between 1968 and 1972, has since become infamous for unreliability and delays.

About a fifth of its services are more than ten minutes late, a record that Mr Branson hopes to improve within a year. Journey times are slower than they were in the early 1970s because of speed restric-

tions on the route. The new tilting trains should start running in 2002 but they will not be able to operate at full speed until 2004, when Railtrack's upgrading of the line is complete.
Journey times between London and Glasgow will then be reduced to around 3hr 50min compared with the,

RICHARD BRANSON said Manchester will eventually be reduced to lhr 45min compared with 25 hr now.

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Virgin won the franchise, its second, with a highly aggressive bid that will save the Government at least £1.5 billion of subsidy. It will pay the Government more than £900 million in "rail tax" for operating rights over the life

To make the franchise profcent to at least 65 per cent, and cent by 2000. Mr Branson said der the lucrative London to Manchester air route obsolete and would clear millions of per cent of passenger traffic between London and Glasgow, the airlines A gen cent and the roads there cent ScotRail is 1997, the only unsold former the betwork.



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Railtrack 'has left stations to rot'

By Jonathan Prynn

DOZENS of crumbling train stations and hundreds of miles of track have been "left to rot" by Railtrack since its privatisation last year, a rail

pressure group said yesterday. The company, which today unveils details of its ten-year investment programme, was accused of putting profits before passengers and underspending on essential maintenance by £750 million. Jonathan Bray, spokesman for Save Our Railways, said the investment failure had condemned passengers to "disgusting, dangerous stations as well as slow and unreliable journeys".

He added: "All regular rail users know that you don't have to travel far to find run- northeast London.

down stations, speed restric-tions and weeds and litter all over the place. Railtrack have spent their first three years putting their friends in the City before the interests of

In a dossier of the network's worst and most neglected stations and routes, Save Our Railways identified Britain's top ten rail blackspots as: South Greenford, west London; Wolverton near Milton Keynes, Northampton-Bournemouth; shire: Sheringham, Norfolk; Bridgwater, Somerset, Bugle. Cornwall; St Erth, Cornwall: Par station, Cornwall; Barnes Bridge, west London; and Walthamstow Queen's Road.

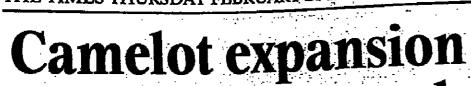


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plans condemned as irresponsible

National Lottery jackpot to be won by overseas players and to enable people to play the game on their television sets provoked outrage yesterday.

The proposals by the Nat-

ional Lottery operator Camelot, outlined in a leaked memo, include a link-up with or takeover of the pools company Vernons to enable people to play the pools using lottery terminals in shops. The company is also considering in-stalling hundreds of videogame machines in pubs and supermarkets to allow people to play the casino game Keno. Under another proposal, Camelot would float on the stock market and the company

would set up a new company to run its overseas ventures. Camelot is under pressure to raise more cash for good causes if it is to stand a chance of renewing its licence in three years. The document outlines company strategy as it strug-gles to increase its turnover.

Dr Emanuel Moran, a con-sultant psychiatrist and chairman of the National Council on Gambling, described the proposals to introduce Keno in public places as irresponsible. The turnover of the game is very rapid, with numbers drawn every ten minutes or so,



The casino game Keno, considered by Camelot

and the likihood of addiction is much higher than with a weekly draw. It should be in licensed premises only."

Dr Moran added that linking lottery games to pools operators and making them available on television helped to create a spiral of demand for addictive games. The plans undermined the official lottery guidelines, which stated that the lottery should be a "tasteful and acceptable" way of winning money, he said. Jack Cunningham, the

Shadow Heritage Secretary, said that selling National Lottery tickets in other countries might destroy public confidence in the game Plans by Camelot to link with the satellite television company BSkyB - 40 per cent owned

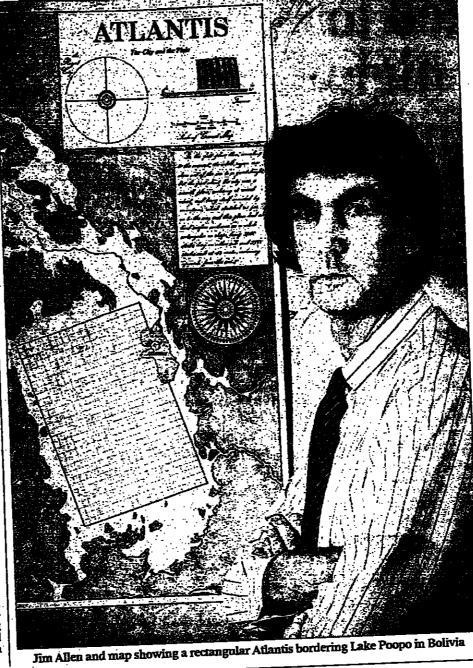
by News International, the ultimate owner of The Times - risked increasing lottery addiction. It is understood the plan would use BSkyB's subscriber system to enable people to pay for tickets for Camelot's existing online game or to pay for entry into a

new screen-based game.

Minutes of Camelot's brainstorming session also disclose
that Peter Davis, the DirectorGeneral of Oflot, "is sympathetic to overseas exploitation". A proposal from Peter aon". A proposal from Feter Murphy, Carnelot's finance director, that the company endeavour "to bring the direc-tor-general on board", was approved by the meeting. Mr Davis was not available

for comment yesterday. His deputy, John Stoker, denied that the expression "on board" implied an improperly close relationship. The words show that Camelot recognise that Mr Davis is a firm and unavoidable object on the path to change," he said. He added that although

Camelot's licence allowed it to sell lottery tickets anywhere in the European Community, local laws in European countries prevented it from doing so. The company would need approval to sell tickets in countries outside the EC.



RAF map expert elevates Atlantis to Bolivian plain

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

according to a former RAF map expert and amateur

The island city, which Plato said disappeared under the waves after being devastated by floods and earthquakes in 9,600 BC, has previously been placed at locations including the Straits of Gibraltar and north of Crete. According to Jim Allen, however, a plain in Bolivia fits the bill.

Mr Allen, who lives in Torquay, trained as a photoraphic interpreter with the RAF and is an expert on ancient measurements. He has searched the globe looking for contours and features that match Plato's description of Atlantis. His chosen location for the fabled city is the

basin-shaped altiplano.

Mr Allen believes Atlantis,
an island continent "encircled by mountains", was nowhere near a real sea but an inland one, Lake Poopo, in the shadow of the Andes.

Mr Allen also points to Egyptian and Greek reports that the city was plated in gold, silver, bronze, tin and a mysterious metal called "orichalcum". "All these metals are found around Lake Poopo," he said. "Numerous gold and copper mines still exist there. The silver-rich mountain of Potosi was a great source of wealth for the

THE lost city of Atlantis was sited in the middle of Bolivia. Spanish empire and is still a major source of tin. Even the 'unknown' orichalcum is found there. It is a natural alloy of gold and copper

found only in the Andes."

The beauty of the site, according to Mr Alien, whose findings are published in The Geographical Magazine, is that the size and shape of the plain can be linked to Plato's description of a rectangular area. The Greek philospher said he had been told that the area was 3,000 by 2,000 stades, an old Greek measuring unit. Mr Allen's chosen site is exactly half that, measuring some 150 miles by 100. He believes the figures, passed from Egyptian to Greek and then to English. must have become garbled in

the translation. He admits that many may smirk at the idea of Atlantis in a country more noted for its cocaine exports. But recent evidence had shown that the ancient Egyptians used tohac-co and cocaine in the mummification process.

They had to get the cocaine from somehwere. The idea of a cross-Atlantic link and trade between the people of Atlantis and the Egyptians now looks less unlikely." According to the Greeks, Atlantis was destroyed at a time when it was said to be at war with Egypt.

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Quick draws make Keno addictive

By ROBIN YOUNG

KENO is a form of televised bingo which can be played simultaneously in thousands of clubs, pubs and even supermarkets. Critics claim the game, which is popular in Australia and the United States, is highly addictive because it can be played every

Players select numbers and purchase tickets as they do or the National Lottery. though in most forms of Keno the numbers run from one to 80. Players can choose how many numbers they are aiming to match. The more potential winnings.

The winning numbers are computer-generated and instantly displayed on telemonitors at participating outlets. The tickets can be barcoded and then reinserted in the vending machine after each draw to see if they are winners.

The Conservative peer Lord Mancroft, chairman of Camelot's rival Inter Lotto, applied for a licence to intro-

duce Keno to Britain 18 months ago. He calculated that the game could attract millions of British players with half-hourly draws offering prizes of up to £100,000.

Camelot's plan is even more ambitious, with

launch the video lottery game, providing a draw ev-

Anti-gambling campaigners fear that Keno might encourage addictive gam-bling Sam Weren, a lottery expert, said: "Keno is like playing a lottery with a one-armed bandit. There are quick results, and an inst poportunity to gamble again." Mark Griffiths of the Fo-

rum on Young People and Gambling said Keno would inevitably lead to an increase in the number of "problem gamblers". An American sociologist has calculated that problem gamblers in the US account for 4 to 6 per cent of Keno players, but contribute at least a quarter of lottery

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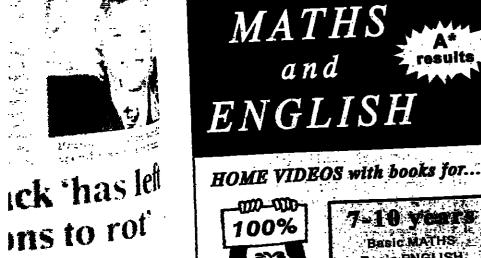
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By IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

LIBRARIES should open during evenings and Sundays. according to the first government report on the service for more than 30 years. It concludes that they are part of the entertainment world and must compete by providing hightech reference sections and low-brow books outside usual working hours.
Virginia Bottomley, the
Heritage Secretary, believes

that libraries are the key new technology. Funding for equipment will come initially from a "challelement in bringing new tech-nology to the people. Sixty per cent of British adults use a library at least once a year, but the report expects they will become more popular if recommendations are followed. Opening when most people are not at work was an

essential part of the strategy. with a librarian no longer likely to be working from 9am being made available for this, but staff could be asked to work late shifts if fewer were on duty during the normal day, while volunteers could be recruited for unsocial hours.

Public libraries cost £639 million in 1995, of which £109 was spent on books and other materials. The abandonment of the price-fixing Net Book Agreement is expected to make it possible for them to

buy books more cheaply. The review found that the original concept of the British public library had altered, from high seriousness towards entertainment. Popular books had to be stocked, but this was a useful way of luring people into the habit of reading. Stressing that free book-lending remained the key element, the review said that this should serve as a base for introducing

enge" fund; the Wolfson Foundation has provided £3 million to add to £6 million set aside for refurbishment over the next three years. After the millennium celebrations, money from the lottery will be available. The Heritage Fund is to provide cash for libraries with outstanding collections of special books or archive material, or those in important

historical buildings.

Ian Sproat, the Heritage Minister, said: "Technology is changing so fast that plans for introducing new systems need to be flexible enough to take account of both the changes and their cost and the need for libraries to play the fullest appropriate role." He has asked a working group set up under the Library and Infor-

mation Commission to report by July on how libraries in England should respond to the challenge technology.

Starting next April, libraries will be required to publish annual performance targets, and submit plans to the Heritage Department for evaluation. They will be encouraged to form more partnerships with the private sector, contracting out services and seeking trust status. However, the Government has backed away from compulsory competitive

tendering.
The Library Association said it was heartened to see the Government was embracing the vision of libraries as the hub of information and imagination in the next century. However, Royston Futter, of the pressure group Library Campaign, said: The report is facile. We are told we should open for longer hours, but the reason they are closed is that libraries don't have the funds to stay open."

☐ Reading the Future: A Review of Public Libraries in England is available free from: Libraries Division, Department of National Heritage, 2-4 Cockspur Street. London SWIY 5DH



Prince waives lifejacket rules on Docklands boat trip

BY ALAN HAMILTON

UNDETERRED by seasonal squalls, the Prince of Wales took a short boat trip to Bengal on a visit to Dockland yesterday. The Prince, who declined to don a lifejacket, sat in a traditional dragon boat crewed by Bengali nen, as an introduction to his

official trip to Bangladesh next week. He took the precaution, before boarding amid gusts of wind ap-proaching 40mph, of painting in the eyes of the colourful figurehead on the prow. The tradition, of Chinese origin, is said to guarantee good fortune and a safe passage.

The Prince was visiting the Shad-well Basin Project, a Prince's Trust project which offers the chance of water sports in the once-thriving commercial dock to disadvantaged

local young people.

His two-day visit to Bangladesh is a prelude to the Queen's visit to the Indian sub-continent in the autumn

to mark the 50th anniversary of 24 mother tongues besides English, of independence for India and Paki- which Sylheti is among the most stan; Bangladesh, formerly East Pakistan, is the one area of former British India that the monarch will

not be visiting.

The Prince will spend much of his time in the Sylhet region, homeland of the majority of the Bengali community which now forms the dominant ethnic group in the east London borough of Tower Hamlets. The borough is said to be home to at least

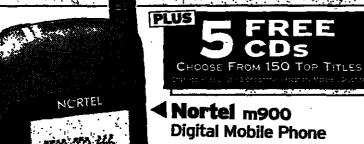
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Bengalis are among the main beneficiaries of the Shadwell Basin Project, which is funded by the Prince's Trust and by the St Katharine and Shadwell Trust, a community grant-making charity set up in 1990 with a £3.5 million donation from the local authority and News International, owners of The



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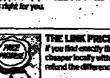
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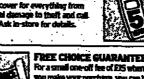
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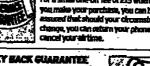


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Gene spray could ease asthma pain

BY NICK NUTTALL

SCIENTISTS believe they have found a new treatment for asthma sufferers. The technique stops airborne particles from causing severe tightening of the lungs, which leads to acute breathing difficulties.

The American researchers, who tested their treatment on rabbits, blocked some of the most damaging effects of such particles as pollen, house dustraite faeces and air pollution.

emerging form of genetic ther-apy called anti-sense DNA therapy. Genetically engi-neered material, given to the rabbits as an inhalation spray, interferes with the production of a protein called adenosine, which causes muscles in the

lungs to contract. Studies indicate that the lungs of asthmatics have far higher numbers of adenosine receptors than normal people. The new technique switches off the genes that make the receptors. Without receptors, the protein cannot tell the

nervous system to squeeze tight the lungs. The therapy, which is published in Nature, has been developed at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.

Professor Peter Barnes, of the National Heart and Lung Institute at the Royal Brompton Hospital, London, and an adviser to the National Asthma Campaign, said the therapy was so promising that it should proceed to clinical trials. If it proved safe, it would need to be used daily. The technique could also be developed to block other steps in an asthma attack.

Professor Barnes said that there were three million asthma sufferers in Britain: "Ten per cent of children and between 5 and 10 per cent of adults in Britain are reckoned to be asthmatic.

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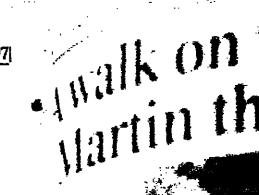
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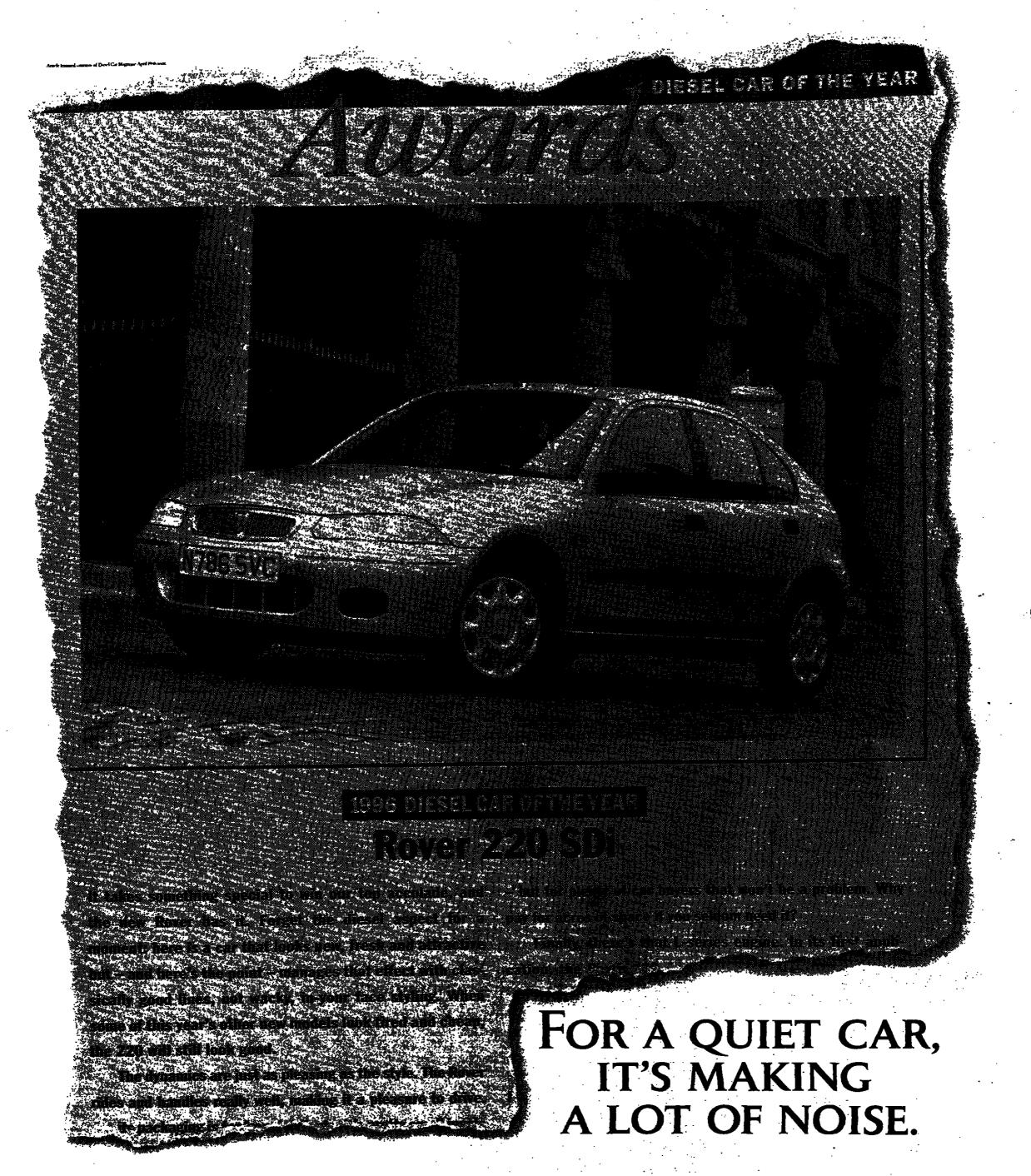
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A walk on the wild side for Martin the hungry tiger

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

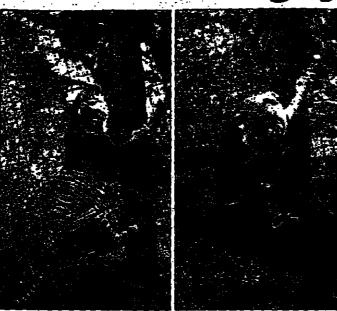
HE looks fierce, but the wild side of life has been rather absent for a tiger named Martin. Now keepers at London Zoo are trying to bring out the beast in him. For a start, they keep hiding his food

out the beast in him. For a start, they keep hiding his food.

Instead of being handed over on a plate, meat is hidden under rocks or at the top of a pole as part of a new lifestyle to redevelop predatory skills in the big cats enclosure. Martin, a Sumatran tiger, and his mate Mira must now jump, climb or forage to eat. The technique is one of many which may be used to help the conservation of tigers.

As scientists from around the world gather at the zoo today for Tiger 2000 — the first major tiger conservation forum for a decade—it is hoped that the techniques may eventually form part of a larger programme designed to reintroduce domesticated tigers back to the wild. Other tricks adopted by the tigers' keeper, Caroline Connor, include dragging meat on a piece of rope to leave a scent trail and strewing the enclosure with the faeces of other animals to introduce the cats to new scents.

"There's not always a reward at the end of it, but that's the point." Ms Connor said. "Sometimes they get the meat and sometimes they



How to drive a tiger a little wild: Martin climbs for food

don't. This way they get to exercise their body and their brain. Their muscle tone improves and they become alert to new possibilities. We can't give them live prey so this is the next best thing."

Future plans include stringing a wire over a log on the water, so the tigers have to balance and jump for

their meat: "They're bound to fall in a few times, which is okay as they like water, but we thought we'd wait until it got a bit warmer." Douglas Richardson, assistant curator of mammals at the zoo, said: "Reintroduction may be one way of helping conservation. Tigers who have bred in captivity

could be slowly reintroduced to the

"We could have a situation where we have a zoo-type enclosure in the wild which is slowly eroded, leaving the tigers free. For the time being, we want the tigers to demonstrate as wide a range of their natural behaviour as possible, to mirror what they would do in their natural environment."

At Tiger 2000, scientists and conservationists will spend two days discussing practical ways to help the dwindling tiger population and highlight the problems to governments worldwide. Topics range from genetics to anti-poaching operations.

Richard Burge, director-general of London Zoo, said that the tiger population had declined dramatically over the past decade and some of the smaller sub-species would not survive. Poaching — for skins and ingredients for oriental medicines — and environmental development were the greatest threats: "In 1990 alone, 1,900 kilos of tiger bone were imported from Taiwan into Japan — that's 400 to 500 tigers," he said. "Tigers are also increasingly coming into conflict with the human population as their natural habitat is destroyed. There are areas we are not going to be able to save."



The tiger who doesn't know where his next meal will come from

Accident verdict for soldiers hit by shell

By Michael Evans

TWO soldiers killed by a stray artillery shell at a firing range in Canada died accidentally, a coroner ruled yesterday.

coroner rules yesterday.

Corporals Robert Hawksley and Martin Bailey of The Queen's Royal Lancers were hit by a 95 lb shell that landed in their trench during an exercise at the British Army Training Grounds at Suffield in Alberta in 1994.

in Alberta in 1944.

Peter Ashworth, the coroner at their inquest at Derby, said he could record a verdict of unlawful killing only if he was satisfied that those involved had been grossly negligent. "This tragedy was caused by the convergence by chance of many factors ... Though I record this verdict that does not mean there have not been faults."

After the inquest, David Hawksley, 57, father of Corporal Hawksley, from Toton in Notinghamshire, said: "We thought the inquest may have given us justice but it hasn't." The Army had been playing Russian roulette with his son's life, he added.

IRA hit again as republic police seize detonators

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

POLICE in the Irish Republic have uncovered an IRA bombmaking factory where the terrorists assembled detonating cords.

Armed officers seized more than 100 lengths of plastic tubing stuffed with Semtex explosives that could have been used to detonate massive bombs of the type that devastated the City of London in the early 1000e

The coup was the latest in a series of successful anti-terrorist operations. Since the collapse of the IRA ceasefire in February last year, police on both sides of the Irish border and in mainland Britain have uncovered bomb-making factories, arms caches and terrorist hideouts. However, the IRA is still believed to have several tonnes of Semtex.

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The successes indicate that the Garda Special Branch, the RUC and MIS managed to penetrate the IRA at senior levels during the 18-month ceasefire. One security source in London said: "Every time the terroxists pop up, we're there waiting for them."

Observers in Northern Ireland also believe that the public on both sides of the border were so horrified by the resumption of IRA terrorism that people who would never have thought of contacting the police were now tipping them off. The IRA admitted that Roman Catholics were undermining it when the Belfast Brigade warned last month that informers would be shot.

In the latest police operation, on Monday, detonating
cords were seized as they were
being moved from one vehicle
to another near Moyvalley. Co
Kildare, on the main Dublin
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raids in Portlaw. Co Waterford. Buildings were also raided in Tipperary and Kilkenny.
Five people, including a
woman, were arrested during

the raids.

The seizures will prompt a major internal IRA investigation by the "civil administration team", which reports to the organisation's "adjutant-general". The terrorists will want to know whether an informer within the IRA tipped off police or their plans were thwarted by sophisticated Garda intelligence.



One of the posters in Christchurch yesterday

Tufnell row helps 'best joint in town'

By Pattrick Smelle in Wellington

THE England cricketer Philip Tufnell, who was accused of smoking cannabis by waitresses at a restaurant in Christchurch on the eve of England's victory in the Third Test against New Zealand, may have been the victim of a publicity stunt, it emerged yesterday.

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Bardellis, the restaurant at the centre of the allegations, fell under suspicion when posters saying "Phil Tufnell must agree that Bardellis really is Christchurch's Best Joint" were spotted in the city centre.

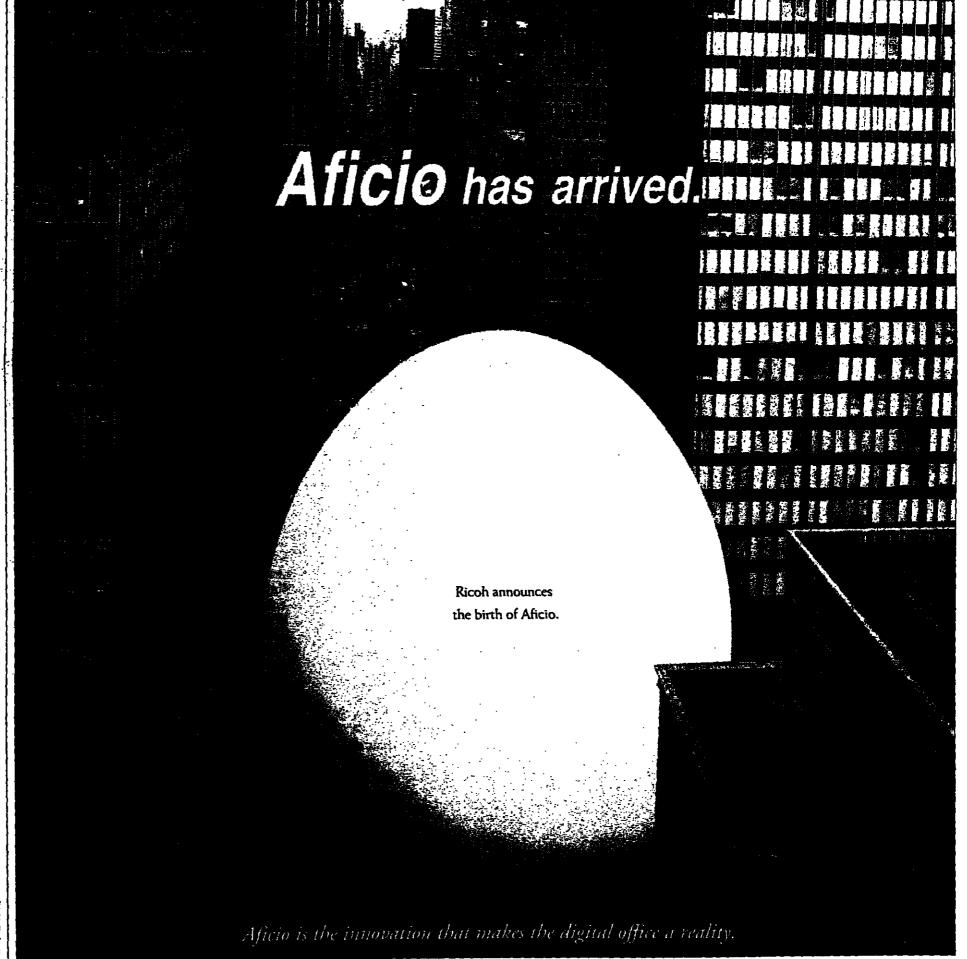
A Wellington bar, Cafe Brava, gained similar publicity late last year when its staff spoke to the media about several late-night incidents involving the Deputy Prime Minister-to-be. Winston

Staff at Bardeliis would not comment on the incident. In a separate development. Christchurch media sources said that Caitlin Cherry, the waitress who made the story public, is studying broadcast journalism at a local college. Ms Cherry is thought to have tipped off local media before informing Bardellis

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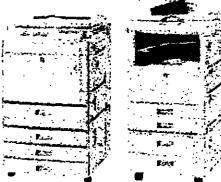
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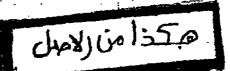


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Exemplary damages against the police limited to £50,000

JURIES are to be limited to £50,000 when awarding exemplary damages to victims of unlawful arrest

Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls. set the new guidelines yesterday in a test case brought by the Metropolitan Police, who complained that juries were making excessive exemplary awards of more than £100.000 against the force. Awards and costs for civil actions have cost it £20 million since 1986.

In a landmark judgment, the Appeal Court cut by El85,000 a £220,000 award to Kenneth Hsu, a hairdresser who was wrongfully arrested, assaulted and imprisoned by police in south London. The court upheld a jury's award of £20,000 compensation to Mr Hsu. 34, from Tulse Hill, south London. from £200,000 to £15,000.

In a written judgment, Lord Woolf said: This should suffice to demonstrate the strongest disapproval of what occurred and make clear to the Commissioner and his force that conduct of this nature

In a second test case, the court dismissed a police appeal against £51,000 awarded to Claudette Thompson for false imprisonment,

malicious prosecution and assault. Lord Woolf, sitting with Lord Justice Auld and Sir Brian Neill, said: "The conduct of the police can only be described as outrageous and totally inconsistent with their responsibilities. In Ms Thompson's case, senior police officers were involved in a malicious prose-

The costs of both appeals were awarded against the police.
The three judges said that, in future, juries should be given directions by judges on the reasons for awarding damages and their level. For wrongful arrest and imprisonment, basic damages of £500 should be awarded for the first hour a person was deprived of their liberty, followed by additional sums on a reducing scale. They recommended a maximum £3,000 award for a person wrongly kept in

In cases of malicious prosecution, basic damages should begin at about £2,000 for proceedings

lasting as long as two years, and £10,000 if the case went to the Crown Court. If malicious prosecution resulted in a conviction which was set aside at appeal, the sum would be bigger.

In cases where exemplary damages were claimed, the judge should explain to the jury that they were in effect a "windfall" for the plaintiff. The maximum would be £50,000 awarded for bad conduct by officers of superintendent rank and above. They would usually range from £5,000 to £25,000.

result. "The memory is always there, it never goes away. I never like to know anything about the police. I am afraid of the police." Sadiq Khan, his solicitor, said: "It was not the money that mattered. These officers acted outrageously. Five years after the initial incident no officer involved has been punished or even disci-

Outside the court, Mr Hsu said

he was very disappointed with the

not even received an apology for the way he was treated." Ms Thompson, 31, was not in

plined. The jury made the award of

damages to make examples of these officers and to this day Mr Hsu has

ropolitan Police, who had argued for exemplary damages of only £10.000 in each case. He said: The Commissioner and the Police Federation had tried to ridicule these victims of police crime as if what

happened to them did not matter."

David Hamilton, solicitor for the Metropolitan Police, said the guidelines introduced a more sensible framework for the whole question of determining damages. The court had sent a message that the purpose of exemplary damages was "to introduce an element of punishment if the overall value of the award without it is insufficient to mark disapproval".

A spokeswoman for Scotland Yard said no officer involved in either case had been disciplined. In Ms Thompson's case no complaint had been received. Mr Hsu had complained but had not given a statement while the civil court proceedings were outstanding.

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Kenneth Hsu, "disappointed" by the judgment, said that he was now afraid of the police

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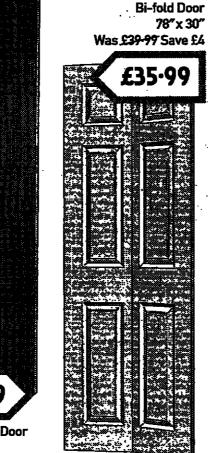
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Europe backs prosecution of sadomasochists

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN STRASBOURG

BRITAIN was entitled to prosecute three men for causing injuries during sadomasochistic sex, the European Court of Human Rights ruled yester-day. The decision confirms

limits to rights of privacy. The Home Office welcomed the unanimous decision by nine Strasbourg judges as vindicating the British courts in a test case that pitted individual rights to privacy against the public need to safeguard health and safety. The judges also said there was no evidence that British courts were biased against

The Strasbourg case was brought by Roland Jaggard 49, Anthony Brown, 61, and Colin Laskey, who died in 1995, aged 52. They were among 16 men arrested after a police operation called "Operation Spanner acquired video tapes in 1987 which showed them engaging with 44 other men in violent sexual acts involving whips, sandpaper and fish-hooks.

The three men were convicted of causing bodily harm, wounding and other offences. although the "victims" were consenting participants. They months.

The three sought to have the verdicts overruled by Strasbourg on the ground that it breached Article 8 of the European Human Rights Convention, which says: "Ev" eryone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his corres-pondence." The judges found that the prosecution was justified under exceptions cover-

ing "the protection of health".

The case differed from previous decisions on sexual rights because "the applicants" sadomasochistic activities involved a significant degree of injury or wounding", the judges said. Britain was "unquestionably entitled to seek to

regulate through the operation of the criminal law activities which involved infliction of physical harm".

Mr Jaggard, of Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, Mr Brown, of the Yardley district of Birmingham, and the late Mr Laskey, from Pontypridd, South Wales, had been backed by civil-liberties organisations in their Strasbourg action. The group Libthose convicted had consented to the acts and none had needed hospital treatment.

The court doubted that the men's activities were private because a "considerable number of people were involved in the activities, which included the recruitment of new members, the provision of several specially equipped chambers and the shooting of many video tapes which were distributed among members".

The sex acts involved hot wax, sandpaper, fish-hooks and needles, and ritualistic beatings with spiked belts, stinging nettles and a cat-o'-nine-tails. Those receiving the abuse used a codeword if they wanted to stop

"punishment".
Peter Tatchell of OutRage, the group that, advocates homosexual rights, said: This decision indicates that the Convention is seriously deficient and needs updating. It has failed to protect the rights of consenting adults in private to make their own sexual choices free from state interference."

Sadomasochism should not be illegal unless it occurred without consent, involved children or caused permanent injury, he said. "It is profoundly undemocratic that a form of sexual behaviour has been criminalised by the court without any parliamentary debate or approval."

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Microlight caused havoc over airport

By Gillian Bowditch, scotland correspondent

MICROLIGHT aircraft disrupted several scheduled flights above Glasgow Airport when its pilot became hopelessly lost after folding his map the wrong way. Jaysukh Madhvani, 44,

from New Barnet, Hertfordshire, had covered 1,200 miles in four days while taking part in a round-Britain microlight rally before flying unannounced into the airport's airspace on June 22 last year. Paisley Sheriff Court was

told yesterday that the microlight's presence led to incoming passenger planes being "stacked" and prevented from landing. The pilot of a British Airways jet arriving from Manchester had to take

Depute Fiscal David Harvey said that although no lives were put at risk Madhvani had caused considerable disruption. Air traffic control at Glasgow asked the police to intervene and a police helicopter finally inter-

cepted the microlight at Kirkintilloch, north of Glasgow, and followed it to Cumber-

nauld, where it landed. Mr Harvey said the pilot told police he had folded his map in the wrong place and that he and his passenger were completely lost. The principal difficulties were caused because Madhvani failed to make contact with Glasgow air traffic control when he had earlier landed in a field at Bishopton.

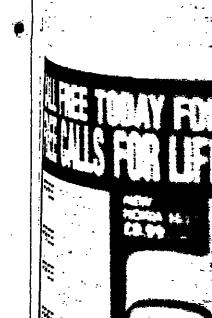
Madhvani, who admitted breaching air traffic control laws, told Sheriff James Spy: "In effect, I flew off my map." He had now qualified as an instructor and hoped to make that his full-time occupation: "I have been flying for six years and have never broken any rules before," he said.

Admonishing him, Sheriff Spy said he accepted it had been a case of human error. "You had no intention to deliberately fly into

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Rifkind's candour puts Tories on popular side of EMU row

he Foreign Secretary is not supposed to make a slip of the longue under pressure", as Kenneth Clarke yesterday tartly described Malcolm Rifkind's comment that the Government was "hostile" to a single currency. This may have been indiscreet. but it was not a slip of the tongue. The majority of the Cabinet is hostile to a single currency, and does not mind the public knowing. But the official government line is to keep open its options. 'wait and see" or "negotiate and decide" according to taste. So Mr Clarke was defending the Govern-

ment's formal position, while Mr

Rifkind was revealing the private real one. The latter's candour shows how hard, if not impossible, it is for the Tory leadership to maintain even a facade of unity on

monetary union. John Redwood and David Heathcoat-Amory quickly intervened to welcome what Mr be in Britain's interests, though Rifkind had said as representing a significant admission. Mr Rifkind and Downing Street spokesmen later claimed that he had not been saying anything new, and talk of being "not neutral" and "hostile"." had merely reflected the Cabinet's discussion a month ago on the prospects for a single currency.

Mr Rifkind had then announced the Cabinet's view that it was "very unlikely" that joining monetary union in January 1999 would the Government was not raining it

Mr Clarke has not disguised his impatience with some of his colleagues for raising the issue. On his view, the sole result of the two hours' discussion was that Mr Rifkind inserted the word "very" before unlikely. Mr Clarke only

agreed to this form of words because he believes the existing position of keeping open Britain's options was reaffirmed. It is precisely that concordat that Mr Rifkind appeared to challenge on the Today programme, which is why Mr Clarke gave his dismissive reaction.

The episode is double-edged for the Tories. It underlines the Tories' deep-seated divisions on Europe and that is electorally damaging. These differences were seized upon last night by Gordon Brown to claim that the continued Tory civil war over Europe was damaging the national interest.

But by reinforcing the impression of government hostility to a single currency, Mr Rifkind put the Tories on the popular side of the argument - though Labour has been distancing itself from the possiblity of joining in the first

The real battle is, of course, for the future direction and leadership of the Tory party. It is significant that the two Cabinet ministers who have most pushed a sceptic line this year have been from the Centre-Left, Stephen Dorrell and Mr Rifkind. Both have leadership ambitions and need to broaden their base to

doxical position of sticking to the Cabinet's formal policy yet being out of line with the preferences of most of his colleagues. He has been on the defensive for the past 18 months in face of the Cabinet's step-by-step shift to more open hostility to a single currency and has looked increasingly isolated. But as Chancellor he still has a nuclear power, the threat of resignation, which he has used to block an outright commitment in the Tory manifesto ruling out pos-

attract the support of more sceptic MPs.

Mr Clarke is dismissive of these manoeuvrings. He is in the parameter of the support of more sceptic currency. It is a fine line between "very unlikely", "not neutral" and "hostile" and such a pledge. This is, of course, all an exercise in positioning rather than policy-making. Even if Britain does not enter a single currency in the first wave, Mr Clarke believes we will go in within a few years if monetary union proves to be a success. He and his allies hope that by keeping the question open they will have greater freedom of manocuvre in the next

PETER RIDDELL

Wirral South by-election

Labour candidate meets the voters in US-style 'blitz'

By RUSSELL JENKINS

LABOUR has adopted an American-style campaign technique to bolster its support in Wirral South.

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Party workers are taking Ben Chapman, their candidate in next Thursday's byelection. on "blitzing" tours of the constituency, knocking on doors and offering voters the chance to meet him and shake his hand. The idea is to maximise personal contact, bringing him face to face with thousands more people than would be possible during tra-

ditional canvassing. A sign hanging at Labour's campaign headquarters in New Ferry yesterday showed the tally so far: "Ben's blitzing:

The operation is conducted at speed, with an advance guard calling at houses and the candidate following close behind. When a willing supporter is identified, the signal is given for Mr Chapman, a 56-year-old former civil servant, to jog up to the door. He aims to shake 50 hands an

Traditional canvassing is intended to discover voters' intentions. Labour says that "blitzing" is about reinforcing he was given a red rose support, and giving people the buttonhole; at Kwik Save he

chance to see the person they are being asked to vote for. A Labour spokesman said: You don't actually ask people about how they are voting. You literally ask, Would you like to meet Ben Chapman?

"Blitzing is where we want to increase the profile of a candidate with the voters so they have actually met him and can feel more strongly about voting for him."

Yesterday Tony Blair joined his party's campaign effort in Wirral South, flashing toothy smiles and vigorously shaking hands as he was feted first on the shopfloor of Candy Domestic Appliances, then in a walkabout along one of the less prosperous high streets.

He basked in adulation as he discovered that new Labour was as welcome as old Labour in the wards with the highest unemployment and social problems. Surrounded by a growing entourage of television cameramen and photographers, he was led beaming through the stage-

managed affair. At the Taste Buds cafe, he gushed about the busy kunchtime trade; at Tracy's Florists

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learnt that the manager, Graeme Heatherwick, had been a great fan of his predecessor, John Smith. Mr Blair gave him a pat on the arm before moving on. As the media crown threat-

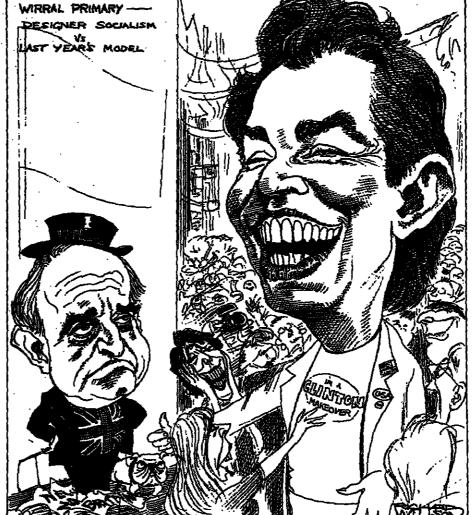
ened to get out of control. Sue Evans, pushing her threeyear-old son, Lewis, in a buggy, was ushered into Mr Blair's presence. Afterwards, Lewis asked his mother: "Is he a footballer?"

The warmth was in sharp contrast to the windswept corner of a hotel car park chosen by Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, William Hague, the Welsh Secre-tary, and Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, to outline their concern about Labour's

constitutional policy.

As the wind blew, Dr Mawhinney unveiled the latest Tory poster. It showed a blank flag with the words: "Labour's Union Jack New Labour, No Britain." The ministers had flown to Merseyside that morning and were heading straight back after the photocall.

Dr Mawhinney looked momentarily lost for words when he asked why the Tories were hoisting the white flag of



surrender in Wirral South before he launched back into his theme that Labour's plans for the regions would put the integrity of the United Kingdom at risk.

Mr Forsyth said: "We have always taken our United Kingdom for granted. We can do so no more. Labour's irresponsibility and totally di-

vergent schemes for England, Scotland and Wales threaten to tear our country apart, leading to separation of the member nations and the frag-mentation of England itself."

Mr Blair's aides refused to confirm rumours that he is planning a third and last visit to Wirral South on the eve of next Thursday's poll. The Labcar, somebody shouted: "Kick out the Tories." The cheers were ringing in his ears.

1992 general election: Barry Porter (C. 25,590); Helen South-worth (Lab. 17,407); Ed Cunnifle (LD. 6,581). Majority: 8,183.

Blair to propose curbs on house sale gazumping

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

present Labour plans to penalise homeowners who pull out of a sale after receiving a better offer for their

He is preparing for a Labour government to launch a purge on "gazumping", with curbs under which a seller would pay the purchaser's conveyancing and survey costs if the sale collapsed without good reason.

The Labour move, expected to be announced within the next month, is intended to prevent the expected surge in gazumping. Estate agents have recently reported a sharp increase in the problem, espe-cially in London and the South East where the property market is recovering more rapidly than in other regions.

Mr Blair is understood to be determined to curb one of the main causes of an overheating property market, fearing that house price inflation over the coming year would increase pressure on a Labour government to raise interest rates. Labour's plans, drafted by

Nick Raynsford, the housing spokesman, will be published for consultation among lenders, lawyers and estate agents, to be followed by a new code of conduct to regulate the hous-ing market. Senior Labour figures are attracted by the socalled "lock-out" agreement practised by some estate agents, under which vendors have to sell at an agreed price

TONY BLAIR is about to as long as the sale is completed by a specified date.

Labour is prepared to introduce legislation to underpin changes to housing sales, but hopes that codes of practice among lawyers and estate agents would in any case create a new culture in which vendors pledged to keep to the agreed price. "A purchaser would soon become suspicious if the vendor refuses to sign an ways round a code but at least the purchaser knows the sort of person he is dealing with."

A homeowner who fails to give a good reason for backing out of a deal would have to pay the buyer's full conveyancing and survey costs. It would also curb the reverse practice of 'gazundering", common in a falling property market, in which buyers renege on an agreed price and put in a lower offer at the last minute. Last week the Royal Institu-

tion of Chartered Surveyors announced proposals for a voluntary contract to protect homebuyers from being gazumped. It said the "standard personal contract" would act as a deterrent against one side withdrawing or trying to renegotiate the terms after the offer is accepted. But Labour sees as too complex the proposal to make the buyer pay the vendor compensation of 5 per cent interest above the bank base rate on the agreed purchase price from the date

Straw pledges to fight anti-gay prejudice

By ANDREW PIERCE

JACK STRAW, the Shadow Home Secretary, confirmed last night that a Labour government will abolish the law that bars local authorities from portray-

ing homosexuality in a positive light. In a speech to Stonewall, the gay rights organisation set up after the Section 28 legislation passed into law in 1988, Mr

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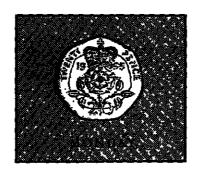
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deal from a Labour government.Labour would enter the general election with a commitment to tackle prejudice.

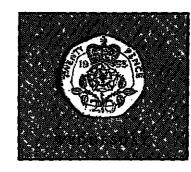
He compared the example of Stephen Lawrence, the black teenager killed in a racist attack, with the gay victims of "queer bashing" gangs. In so many cases, in Stephen Lawrence's case, in many involving gay people, the perpetra-

Straw promised homosexuals a better tors get away with their crimes. It is why we are committed to a strategy of zero tolerance to make the streets safe for everyone regardless of the colour of their skin or sexual preference," he said.

He added: "This law was brought forward for the worst of reasons. It dealt with no serious mischief ... It gives while solving no other problem."







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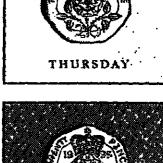
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Sceptics seek TV ban on Brittan and Kinnock

By James Landals, political reporter

A GROUP of Tory Euro-sceptics called yesterday for European Commission officials to be banned from appearing on television during the general election campaign. More than 50 MPs wrote to the BBC and the Independent

Television Commission to warn them that impartiality guidelines could be breached if spokesmen for the Brussels executive were given too much media exposure. They claimed that that Commissioners and their officials cannot be described as impartial because of their commitment to European integration.

Bill Cash, Tory MP for Stafford, who is leading the campaign, complained that Neil Kinnock and Sir Leon Brittan, Britain's two Commissioners, were always presented on television as independent "gurus" on Europe. "If the broadcasters are going to be impartial, they must not put people on who have taken an oath of support

for European integration." In letters to Sir Christopher Bland, chairman of the BBC. and Sir Peter Rogers, chief executive of the Independent Television Commission, the MPs urged the Corporation to

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stick to its Charter and the Commission to the Broadcasting Acts in their reporting of European issues. quire impartiality in respect of matters of public policy and you will, of course, give due weight to alternative views and spokesmen of all parties fighting the election.

"We are aware that Euro-pean Commissioners and officials intend to seek to participate in the general election. It seems to us that there are quite enough people who are actual contestants in the election to make unnecessary for you to call upon Commissioners and officials."

The letter continued: "Furthermore they have a complete commitment to further inte gration by virtue of their oath of office and therefore, by no stretch of the imagination could they be seen as impartial observers. We would be glad to have your confirmation that our observations will be fully taken into account and arted upon in the public interest

during the election." Geoffrey Martin, head of the European Commission in Britain, said it was "nonsense" that the Commission would interfere in the election. "We have said that if Eurosceptics. of any party, attempt to use Europe as a political plaything, deploying myths, distortions and inaccuracies in their arguments, the Commission will respond vigorously with the facts. This remains

The BBC and the ITC said that they had yet to receive the

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Italy faces **Grand Prix** race boycott over Senna death trial

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN BOLOGNA

Proceedings will be relayed to

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Passarini, the Bologna public prosecutor, will claim that the

Williams team caused the

death of Senna by modifying

the steering column of his car.

Senna died when his car hit a

bend at the Imola racing track

during the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola on May 1, 1994.

piled a technical report over

the past two and a half years

which he says points to the re-

welding of the steering col-

umn as the reason for the

crash. The steering column

pierced Senna's helmet "with

the force of a bullet", he said.

He said the prosecution team

had made a "computerised

reconstruction" of the fatal

But there are also reports,

based on photographs, that Senna's car hit debris left on

the track from an earlier crash. This would shift blame

away from Mr Williams and

other team members toward

members of the Imola track

charged with Patrick Head

the Williams team technical

chief designer at the time of

facing trial.

Signor Passarini has com-

A TOP Italian motor-racing manager yesterday said that, if Frank Williams was convicted of manslaughter for the death of Ayrton Senna, the Brazilian racing champion, then Benetton and other leading Formula One teams would refuse to race in Italy again.
"It would be a very difficult

choice, but I do not think we would race in Italy." Flavio Briatore, the Benetton team manager said. "Any great racing stable has many international partners, it invests and produces a great deal, it creates highly qualified jobs Why put all that at risk? Why bring a racing team to a country where you can be put in prison for an accident?"

The trial of Mr Williams and two other Williams Formula One team members opens today near the Imola race track where Senna died

The small town of Imola. near Bologna, known for its ceramics, is under siege from the world's media, with large contingents from Britain and Brazil. Brazilian journalists said Senna's family would be "hanging on every word" from the makeshift courtroom normally a dance hall which only holds 60 people.



Williams: accused with two colleagues



Alain Ducasse at his Louis XV restaurant in Monte Carlo. He divides his time between this and another place in Paris

Gastronomes in a stew as Michelin serves master chef with six stars

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

management, who are also ALAIN DUCASSE, the Mr Williams is being French master chef, is set to make culinary history winning a total of six Michelin stars in the new director, and Adrian Newey, edition of the gastronome's bible next month. the crash. The trial is expected

No chef has been awarded to adjourn until the end of the more than three, but M this month. Ducasse, 40, owns two of Signor Passarini's case is based on advice from an France's top 20 restaurants -Italian team of experts which the three-star Louis XV in includes former engineers Monaco, and the one he took from Ferrari, racing drivers, over when Joel Robuchon, academic experts, and Roanother three-star chef, reberto Nosetto, a former directired in August.

For French foodies the tor of the Imola track. RUSTOLE TOTA TO whether M Du Repubblica that the prosecucasse earns three more stars tion was approaching the case for his second restaurant is as if it was a traffic accident. more than a mere numbers game, being a crucial deci-But have you ever heard of a sion affecting the very philos-ophy of French cookery. While few rivals would distraffic accident in which the man who built the car is

nute that M Ducasse's vol-auvent aux cuisses de grenouilles [frogs' legs] is a poem on a plate, many argue that a chef who divides his is half, and not twice, as good as a chef with one.

By tradition, the French culinary supremo is expected to supervise every aspect of his kitchen and restaurant. from the amuse gueule to the candlesticks. M Ducasse, however, leaves many details to underlings.

. The simmering debate boiled over this week when The Wall Street Journal published an article describing M chief executive than an executive chef". The paper quoted a rival who insisted that he, at least, was there to supervise the exact placement of the carrots on the plate.

M Ducasse, a farmer's son

The only one to escape from a 1984 plane crash in from the Landes region who became France's youngest three-star chef in 1990, has diswhich five died, M Ducasse knows about survival. He is missed the criticisms, pointing out that the greatest one of a new breed of busifashion designers do not persmen chefs, adept at projecting and marketing a style sonally cut the cloth to make of restaurant in which the their outfits. But therein lies the rub: three-star cuisine, say minutiae of ambiance and purists, is the equivalent of presentation are almost as haute couture, in which each important as the food. dish should carry the unique As M Ducasse himself ly recognisable mark of its

points out, his restaurants are very different the Monaco establishment reflecting Mediterranean flavours and the Paris one offering a more classical style of cooking.

On a recent visit to the renamed Alain Ducasse reswas not in evidence but the diners - paying, for the most part, more than Fr910 (E100) each for the experience seemed not at all out out that the chef's fingerprints were not on the plates.

Euro MPs brand Brussels over BSE 'negligence'

From Charles Bremner in strasbourg

yesterday for mishandling the mad cow epidemic in an overwhelming vote by the European Parliament.

In a show of parliamentary muscle-flexing, the Stras-bourg body gave Jacques Santer, the Commission President, nine months to reform the European Union executive or face moves to dismiss him and all his colleagues.

After a six-month inquiry into BSE and weeks of political wrangling, the Parliament vented its anger through the endorsement of a report that catalogues Britain's and the Commission's

failure to tack-6 The mad cow le the epidemic since the late report has demonstrated charges the bankruptcy Downing Street as "tosh", Britain of the European Commission 9 stands accused of negligence,

competence and complacency about the disease. Led by all three main political groups, the Parliament voted by 422 to 49 with 48 abstentions for a resolution that backed the report and separately "condemns the be-haviour of the UK Government and its mismanagement of the BSE crisis". It also deplores the refusal of Donglas Hogg, the Minister of Agriculture, to appear before

duplicity, in-

the inquiry. However, the Parliament rejected separate motions to force the Commission to demand a refund of the £500 million compensation paid so far to British farmers and to summon Mr Hogg to the European Court. This weakened similar recommendations in the BSE report. Commission officials said they did not expect to take action on either

in European terms, the main lesson from the Parliament's BSE exercise was the power over the Commission, a right that was extended in the Maastricht freaty of 1992, MEPs drew satisfaction yes terday from what they viewed as the modest success of the overwhelming agreement ob-

BRITAIN and the European tained among the fractious 626-member house on a "conditional" censure motion against the Commission. If Mr Santer fails to imple-

ment big changes in personnel and policy, the Parliament could vote to censure him in November. Such a vote, which requires a heavy majority. would force the whole Commission to resign.

There had been consensus among the three groups - the Socialists, Christian Democrats and Liberals - to avoid the use of what is regarded as the Parliament's weapon" when most of the alleged failings were blamed

on the Comed by Jacques Delors, the last President. Reimer Boge the BSE inquithe first such Congress-style

hearing under Maastricht powers, said the exercise had been a complete success and that it had marked a turning point in the Parliament's relations with

the Commission. Mr Santer has already gone some way towards appeasing the Parliament by ordering a shake-up that puts Emma Bonino, one of the most popular Commissioners, in charge of a new consumer safety division. He has promised to discipline civil servants found at fault and to work for a revolution in the common agricultural policy that would promote quality rather than quantity in food production. However, a handful of MEPs, led by Jose Happart, a Belgian Socialist, are to call for a vote of censure today. although they stand almost no chance of winning the necessary majority. Strongly behind the censure vote is Philippe de Villiers, leader of

"Europe of Nations" party. candidate in the last French presidential election, said that the BSE report had "demon-strated the bankruptcy of the Commission". The main culprit for that was M Delors, he

Sir James Goldsmith's French

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French museums mislay art treasures

Paris: Hundreds of valuable artworks belonging to the French state have gone missing, according to a scathing report by government auditors which accuses national museum officials of gross mismanagement (Ben Macintyre writes).

maker. Food by a chef "in

absentia" smacks of off-the-

peg production or, worse yet,

M Ducasse's self-defence -

that he inspires the food

rather than always having to

mined by his position as one

of the prime movers in a

growing campaign to rein-force traditional values in

French cuisine. Nothing

could be less traditional than

a chef not in his kitchen.

nd-naming.

At least 950 works of art from the national collection cannot be traced, the Cour des Comptes, the audit office, said. More than 100,000 paintings and sculp-

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS

IN ROME

ITALIAN magistrates yesterday ordered the confiscation of £4 million Mafia property, including a stable of top race

horses and a wine-producing company, as a row broke out

remove the children of gang-

sters from their parents to

prevent them learning Mafia

In the southern port city of

Bari the magistrates ordered that a property belonging to Trifone Cellamare. 50, and his

son, Savino, 28, be seques-

tered. It is one of the biggest such seizures of alleged Mafia

property so far in Italy, judi-

cial sources said. The proper-

ty included 13 race horses, ten lorries and luxury cars and

the contents of several bank accounts. The two men were

described as leading members of the Masia based in the

Mayor of Corleone that the children of mobsters should be placed in state care or given foster homes. Giuseppe Cipriani said such steps were necessary to give hope to young people who are subject to the oppressive presence of

However, the idea was opposed by Judge Pierluigi

Vigna, the country's leading anti-Mafia magistrate, who said 2,000 minors, the sons of

supergrasses, had already had to leave their homes, schools and friends as their

parents adopted new identiics participation of the

southern city of Foggia. Meanwhile, controversy raged over a proposal by the

the Mafia".

tures are on loan to public bodies. Keeping track of the treasures is a complicated task and open to abuse. Théodule Ribors painting The Good

Samaritan, for example, was found to have been loaned to the French Embassy in Poland 66 years ago and has since materialised in the National Museum in Warsaw; a medallion by Henri Matisse, destined for a museum in Nice, was simply left in the back of a removal van; valuable Sevres china from the Louvre was lost or smashed during another relocation. Some of the missing artworks have subsequently resurfaced at auctions. The litary of lost items reflects the wealth of France's artistic heritage. Ex-

perts say that, with so many treasures to

choose from, local authorities simply did

not bother to note their whereabouts.

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China salutes architect of market reform and butcher of Tiananmen Square

Long march ends for 'immortal leader' Deng

t was a curiosity about Deng Xiaoping that China-watchers used to say "if he dies ... " This notion of semi-immortality was not because Mr Deng was physically indestructible or had held centre-stage for an unusually long time, although he was certainly tough and had heen near or at the top since the middle 1950s, excluding his period when he was out of favour with Chairman Mao.

It is because as with Mao's death, great changes can occur and severe judgments be handed down. After Mao's death, an edited text by Mr Deng in 1981 described the Chairman's last years as a 'tragedy", even "catastrophe".

How can we understand the power of Mr Deng - this tiny old man, so incoherent that, as in Mao's final period, only one or two young women knew what he was saying and whose grunts and mutterings, until his final year, instantly trans-muted into national policy?

It is not because Mr Deng was charming or warm. Brisk, with a humourless laugh, he was described as a nasty little man by Henry Kissinger, the former US Secretary of State, accused by Mao of being "the little fellow over there" who treated the Chairman "like a dead ancestor". In his time Mr Deng was a killer of landlords, purger of intellectuals and the supreme butcher of Tiananmen Square in 1989.

Unlike Mao, however, Mr Deng did not ensure the physical elimination of his enemies. The purges carried out during his period in su-preme power were not marked by oceans of blood, although there were plenty of executions and jailings. He gathered disciples, and when necessary as with Hu Yaohang and Zhao Ziyang - he abandoned them, but only into political limbo. not into the grave.

His personal loyalties were to his older patrons who helped him up the rungs of power in the Communist Party: Zhou Enlai, Marshal Liu Bocheng, Peng Zhen, Chen Yi, Liu Shaoqi, and Mao.

When he was 16, Mr Deng was sent to France to study by



Jonathan Mirsky, East Asia Editor, considers the story of a ruthless apparatchik who rose to supreme power in the world's most populous nation

party's network in France, guided by Zhou Enlai, where his eagerness as a churner-out of propaganda earned him the nickname Dr Mimeograph. In an essential sense there

was nothing unusual about Mr Deng, the talented party apparatchik. But when he realised where power lay in the party, he attached himself to it. There is little evidence that he differed from others in supporting Mao's policies, no matter how damaging. This was the case with killing landlords in the early Fifties, the Anti-Rightist Movement of the late Fifties (which Mr Deng always maintained was necessary), and even the early stages of the Cultural Revolution when Mr Deng not only abased himself but also savaged his best friends in the party. The exception is when he trailed a powerful senior. President Liu Shaoqi, and tried to keep the economy from

collapsing in the early Sixties. But what was it about Mr Deng, who for more than ten of his last years held none of the supreme party or state offices but was simply senior leader - that his merest nod meant a final decision? Above all, he was one of the lao yidai de gemingjia - the very first revolutionary generation who joined the Communist Party in 1924, only three years after its official founding.

e was a survivor. In a

bloody military campaign in Guangxi against Chiang Kai-shek's forces in 1930-31 which went wrong, he may have aban-doned his troops to save himself. This was never mentioned in his official curriculum vitae. He also survived the Long March of 1934-35. during which most marchers died, the Civil War, and the Cultural Revolution, in which he was twice purged but under Mao's dark protection was not

late 1920s, secretary to the Central Committee, one of the handful of most senior commanders in the key battles of the 1945-49 Civil War, a member of the Central Committee. and finally, by 1950, Commu-

nist Party Secretary-General. In short, Mr Deng had the qualifications, no longer available in China, of historical fame, of early association with the men who created Communist China, and of having held key positions in the party, army and bureaucracy. For decades he knew everyone's strengths and weaknesses and built up that invaluable Chinese cat's cradle of guanxi, or connections, upon which depend political success and literally survival.

r Deng had none of what the former American President, George Bush, called "the vision thing", except in one sense for which Chinese will remember him.

All their modernising leaders since the 1850s had wanted the country to be fu-qiang. rich and powerful. But Mr Deng unlike Mao who thought poverty bred virtue, genuinely wanted individual Chinese to be rich, and during the last 15 years of his leadership many became better off than at any time in history. although 100 million continue to live on less than £31 a year.

Peasants virtually own the land they till and anyone who feels like starting a business is welcome to try. Western knowledge, but not political ideals,

The collapse of the Soviet empire proved invaluable to Mr Deng, giving many Chinese and some foreigners the (ultimately false) assurance that economic change and political oppression are the keys to successful modernisation. What saved China from a Soviet-style collapse in 1989 was that, unlike the Russian Army, the People's Liberation Army was prepared to shoot down unarmed protesters in

the streets of the capital.

Mr Deng's political reforms
were confined to streamlining ~ more efficiency - and the appointment to top jobs of men who were able, as well as politically reliable. But if like Hu Yaobang and Zhao Ziyang they wavered in smashing the party's enemies, no sentiment protected them from

fter Tiananmen, his chosen protégés were llub figures, often trained in Stalin's Russia. lacking the late Hu's panache and Mr Zhao's vision. Mr Deng handpicked Jiang Zemin, the former Mayor of Shanghai and a former minister of some importance, within six weeks of the Peking killings to be "the core leader". Mr Jiang now holds more supreme offices at one time than anyone since Mao. But in the lower ranks Mr Deng made no objection to the promotion of specialists, some of whom had been known to oppose him during the Tianomen crisis.

Foreigners who challenged China were faced down. During Tiananmen, Mr Deng was said to have told his colleagues not to fear international opin-ion or spilling blood, and within days of the killings he congratulated the army for acting as a "Great Wall of Steel", while reminding it in almost the same breath that the economic reforms would continue. He endured two years of China's status as pariah, but before long Germany, France, and Japan were beating on China's door. The once haughty Russians were also begging for favours and President Clinton was

Apart from wanting his people to get rich, Mr Deng's social outlook was limited to attacking Western notions as "bourgeois liberal" or "spiritually polluted". His years in





"He knew everyone's strengths and weaknesses and built up invaluable connections upon which depend political success, and survival"

France seem to have given him the skills of an underground conspirator, but no appreciation of the ideas that created Western capitalism. Mr Deng probably went to his grave thinking that technology was the secret of Western power, a blindspot in the leader of a country which professed to be ideologically driven. But there

is little evidence in Mr Deng's writings - re-edited to make him appear perpetually wise - to show that ideas interested him except in so far as they could provide validity for

Perhaps this is why Mr Deng is responsible for two

single bed in a hospital to a senior leader's calligraphy on south, high-rollers in limousines with pretty girls drip-ping with gold, turn out to be either ex-Red Guards or, more astonishingly, ex-Tiananmen demonstrators who once yelled "Down with Deng Xiaoping". This is the China of stock markets, currency swaps bankruptcies, where

everything is for sale, from a

a shopfront Then there is the other China, not dripping with gold. its workers often unpaid by their employers or, if they are peasants, by the Government.

millions of illiterates, employ-

or unemployed peasants, environmental damage, crashing planes, gangsters, drugs prostitution and Aids. Without the vision thing. this is the China of tens of

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Nato applicants 'sold weapons to terrorist regimes'

SEVERAL countries hoping to join Nato soon have sold arms to regimes that sponsor terrorism, according to reports of leaked Central Intelligence Agency documents.

Poland, a front-runner to join the North Atlantic security alliance this spring, made five shipments to Iran of T72 tanks, the most recent last summer, according to the "top secret" report cited by The Washington Times.

The newspaper's leak comes as Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, is touring nine European capitals. She has put the expansion of Nato at the top of her agenda in her talks with European and Rus-

The CIA said yesterday that it could not comment on the existence or content of any documents. According to the newspaper, the CIA report, "Arms transfers to state sponsors of terrorism", focuses on deals made last symmer.

The report identifies China, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Russia and Iran as the main suppliers

Albright promises to find Cyprus solution

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

was expected to give a warm AMERICA will redouble its efforts to get a political sol-ution in Cyprus and calm welcome to her proposal, seen in Whitehall as an important rising tensions in the eastern signal that Washington is Mediterranean, Madeleine Albright promised John Mabeginning to respond to Russian concerns.

In a survey of world trouble-Ms Albright, on her first spots, she was expected also to discuss Bosnia and the continvisit to London as American uing allied efforts to bolster expected to brief Mr Major the fragile political process: Hong Kong and the likely fallout should Deng Xiaoping. and Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, on her proposal for a joint Nato-Russia the Chinese senior leader, die brigade and America's detsoon: and the trade and airline ermination to overcome Rusdisputes between America and sian opposition to the en-Europe that have soured largement of Nato. Mr Major transatiantic relations

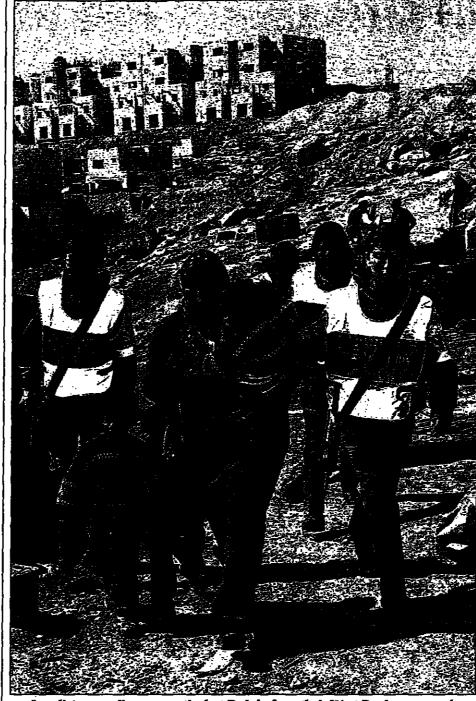
records details of deals by companies in Poland, Slovenia and Bulgaria, all of which are prospective candidates for Nato membership.

The 16 present members of Nato, meeting this spring to discuss enlargement, are expected to invite Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and possibly Slovenia to join. Other Central and East European nations have asked to be considered for membership of the alliance.

Trade with "terrorist states" against American policy and the State Department's annual report calls for "bringing maximum pressure on states that sponsor and support terrorism by imposing economic, deplomatic and political sanctions and by urging other states to do likewis

According to reports, the CIA has identified a company in the former Yugoslav republic of Slovenia that was involved in a deal to supply M60 tank transmissions and other tank parts to Iran. It appears that the Slovenian Government halted part of the shipment in response to American government protests.

The documents also say that Ukraine has concluded deals with Libya to sell short-range missiles and to service Libyan submarines and surface vessels. The Ukrainian Government says that no contracts have been completed.



Israeli Army police remove the last Beduin from their West Bank compound yesterday before bulldozers clear homes to make way for a expanded settlement

Israel steps up pressure to stop bizarre spy trial

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL yesterday summoned Israeli-owned textile factory the Egyptian Ambassador to express displeasure over Cairo's decision to put on trial an alleged Israeli spy said to be mixed up in a bizarre case involving sexual intrigue and women's underwear soaked in invisible ink.

The diplomatic summons signalled a worsening of already strained relations over the affair, which began in November when Azzam Azzam, 34, one of the few Israelis working in Cairo, was arrested outside his hotel on the eve of the third Arab-

Last night Israel radio reported that David Levy, the Foreign Minister, had apealed to the United States to intervene to secure Mr Azzam's release. He is in a cell where his brother. Sami, told a Knesset committee he was rotting away" in appalling

A personal appeal to President Mubarak by Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, failed to secure his freedom. On Monday, Egypt announced that he will go on trial with three others on espionage charges that could end in the death penalty.

Also involved are Emad Abdelhamid Ismail, 34, an Egyptian, and two alleged female Mossad agents, Mona Ahmed Shawahna and Zahra Youssef Greis - both believed to be members of Israel's Arab minority. The women, in Israel, will be tried in absentia.

near Cairo, confessed to take ing underwear soaked in invisible ink from the Israeli women and giving it to Mr

In a twist worthy of the imagination of John le Carré. Mr Ismail was instructed to use the ink to write invisible messages about Egypt.
The indicament said that the

two women both slept with Mr Ismail after picking him up in an Israeli nightclub. Mr Ismail reportedly told police that between March and October the women gave him \$650 (£406) for information on Egypt, and promised him \$1,000 a month for any more information.

No date has yet been set for the hearing at the Supreme Court for Security. Egyptian media reports said Mr Azzam. a member of Israel's Druze Arab minority and the father of four children, initially confessed but now maintains his

Salah Tarif, a Druze member of the Israeli Knesset, demanded yesterday that Israel's ambassador to Cairo be recalled to make clear the damage that the case would do

Moscow: Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, called for an intensification of Russia's role as a co-sponsor of the Middle East peace process after talks yesterday with Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister (Robin Lodge writes). However, there The charge-sheet says that were no groundbreaking Mr Azzam, an engineer in an agreements or decisions.



Saudis tell Indian beggars charity begins at home

FROM SUE LLOYD-ROBERTS IN BOMBAY

THE Saudis have had enough of the influx of beggars from the sub-continent two flights from Saudi Arabia have recently disgorged their sad human cargo in the past two months and there are more to come.

Child beggars, preferably the to Saudi Arabia from the Muslim villages of West Bengal for over 20 years. It has become a big business, with thousands of rupees at stake for the organisers of member of the West Bengal

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the involvement of large investors, school teachers and local officials and politicians.

They target the season of Jah, when millions of devout Muslims descend on the holy cities of Mecca and Medina. For the average Indian such a trip is impossible, but 20 years ago two pilgrims from the Muslim region it, and the trade began.

"When they got to Mecca," explains Mannan Haji, from Murshidahad and a former

and scruffy that some Saudis. who are bound by the Koran to. give 21/2 per cent of their income to any beggar they meet, thought they were beggars and gave them their due." The word spread and thousands more went to claim this equivalent of a lottery win.

Perhaps tired of the financial strain on their citizens or as part gration, the Saudi authorities have now rounded up touts and children and sent them back to India where the trail of fake passports, fake relations, duped

gun to unfold. Murshidabad is generously irrigated by the Ganges, and the sight of rich paddy fields, water. buffalo and villages alongside palm-fringed waterholes gives a false sense of well-being. But the majority of peasants are landless day labourers who earn 15 mpees, or 25p a day, enough to buy

Brilliant flashes of a new silk to see these now sari, a heavy, gold-bangled wrist and a new brick house are the signs of a family who have benefited from Saudi largesse.

Forty-six boys in Bombay, newly arrived from Saudi Arabia and still imprisoned in the holding centre, are stuck in the quagmire of Indian bureaucracy

The authorities in Bombay say they cannot send them home until the authorities in Calcutta contact them. Calcutta says they are waiting to hear from Bom-bay. Clearly to one is in a hurry

young children again.

Sue Lloyd-Roberts' report on child beggars will feature on the

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Some of the children recently deported by the Saudis to Bombay

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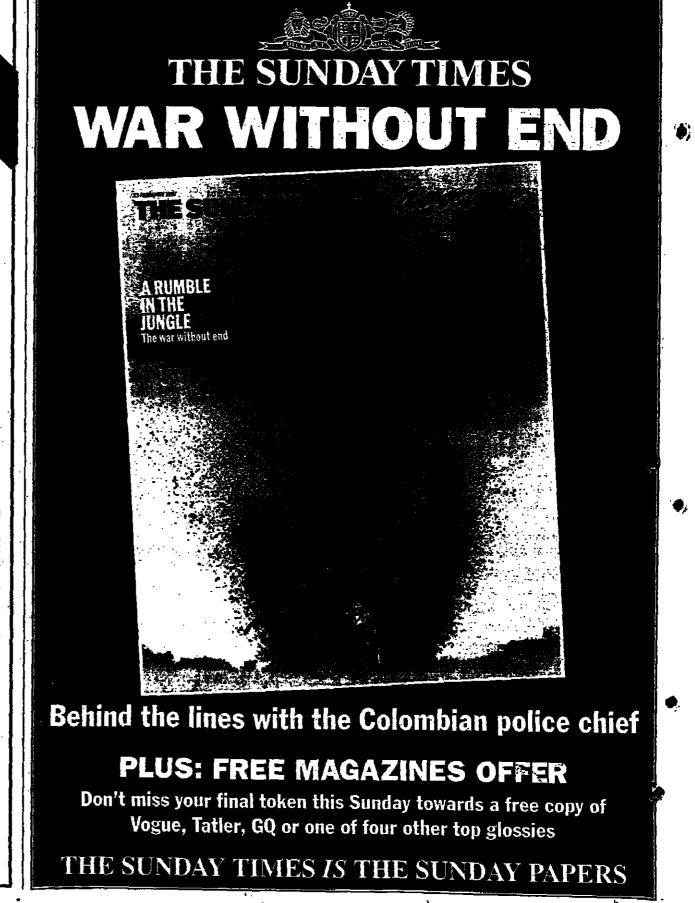
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Attacks on migrants kill hundreds in Indonesia THE TIMES THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20 1997

IN JAKARTA

THREE weeks of ethnic violence in an Indonesian province in Borneo have left hundreds of people dead and community leaders at a loss as to how to resolve the conflict.

In the only official comment on casualties, General Radin Hartono, the army Chief of Staff, said fewer than 300 people had died. Other sources say that the death toll could be in the thousands.

Munawir Sjadzali, chairman of the national human rights commission, would only say "it is still far too

The unrest in West Kalimantan is between the indigenous Dayaks and migrants from Madura, an island off the northeast coast of Java.

It began on January 29 after a band of 40 masked men, believed to be from Madura, attacked a foundation that manages local Roman Catholic schools in Siantan Tengah. a district 40 miles outside the provincial capital, Pontianak. Two women were sexually assaulted inthe incident.

Dayaks said this unprovoked

premature to release casualty figures" after a meeting with governturn of the year in which at least five

people died. The extent of the Dayak revenge and the military's involvement are unclear. Henri Ofmcap, a Dutch pastor, said Dayaks killed and beheaded up to 300 Madurese migrants in his three parishes

There have also been reports of widespread cannibalism by Dayak warners, as they re-enacted centuries-old customs of butchering and eating their enemies.

were flown to the area to contain the unrest. They prevented people leav-ing their neighbourhoods by setting up dozens of roadblocks.

Witnesses claim that ten days ago troops shot at least 17 Dayaks who refused to disperse at a roadblock. Their bodies were buried in a mass grave in a nearby paddy field. Malaysia became so concerned

about the violence it closed its 12 border posts between West Kali-mantan and its state of Sarawak for

Edi Sudradjat, Indonesia's Minister of Defence and Security, has

said the armed forces would continue to take stern measures against

any troublemakers. Dayaks have also set up their own roadblocks to prevent Madurese migrants fleeing to the safety of

military bases. One Dayak man. Ve Kader, said: The Davak people are saying to the Government that we are not prepared to accept the presence of Madura people in Kalimantan. particularly West Kalimantan. We are not going to rest until we have driven them all out of our rightful

gramme, designed to relieve pressure on the densely populated islands of Java, Madura and Bali. They now make up the majority of the province's four million

Many people believe those who have fled are unlikely to return. Mr Ofmcap said: Their homes have been looted and destroyed and their land has been taken by Dayaks. There is nothing for them, even if they did want to return. It is little short of ethnic cleansing"."



THE WEST TO SEE **Pakistanis** send home \$150m

Islamabad: Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister, collected \$150 million (£94 million) within 72 hours of appealing to overseas Pakistanis for help to pay the country's foreign debts. He had promised to make the ailing economy a priority and launched a fund to pay off \$30 billion in

Yesterday he won a vote of confidence — a constitutional requirement — from the new parliament. (AFP)

Tutu treatment

Stockholm: Desmond Tutu, 65, the former Archbishop of Cape Town, said he needs more cancer treatment. He had a prostate gland removed last month. (Reuter) Medical briefing, page 18

Opium raids

Cairo: More than 2,000 soldiers and police used helicopters, camels and armoured personnel carriers for a threeday raid on plantations illegally growing poppies and hemp in southern Sinai. (AP)

5,000 flee fire

Hyderabad: Nearly 5,000 villagers were forced to flee from their Devaraplaly homes when a fire, which could burn for weeks, erupted in a state-owned oil well in southern India (AP)

Beggars ousted

Calcutta: The Communist West Bengal government is to md up 30,000 beggars in an attempt to clean up the port city. They will be held in staterun facilities, the vagrancy department said. (AFP)

Gorilla attack

Beijing: Three gorillas that escaped from a 200 in Anshan, in Liaoning province, and ran through the city's streets, bit three people before being subdued, six hours later. (AFP)



Above left: Harry Dahl and Hans-Hermann Petzold. Top right: Gerd Zaumseil. Below right: Günter Jaeckel

the hiding of terrorists.

Bonn knew of terrorist haven, say Stasi accused

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE elaborate attempts of communist regimes to shield fugitive terrorists are likely to be exposed in a trial of four former officers of the East German Stasi secret police, which began in a tightly guarded Berlin courtroom

yesterday.

The first hint of the explosive nature of the trial came when one of the main defendants claimed yesterday that Bonn knew and approved of the hiding of wanted

The agents, who worked in the so-called counter-terrorist department of the Stasi, are accused of providing new identities for at least ten members of the Red Army Faction (RAF). The terrorists were being hunted in the West for the killing of Jürgen Ponto. a top banker, and Hanns-

Martin Schleyer, head of the West German Employers' Association. According to the prosecutor's 307-page indictment, the terrorists slipped from West Berlin into the East and were given money, pass-ports and assistance in finding flats and work. Their cover collapsed in 1990 when the two

German states were united. If found guilty, the agents — Harry Dahl, the head of the counter-terrorism department. Günter Jaeckel, Hans-Hermann Petzold and Gerd Zaumseil, face five years in jail. Their defence teams argue, however, that they actually served the cause of world peace by taking the terrorists

out of circulation. The web of connections between the Stasi and international terrorism goes much further than the creation of

new identities. Another trial in Berlin has shown that the Stasi knew of an attempt by Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, known as Carlos the Jackal, to blow up the French Cultural Institute in Berlin. The explosive was actually confiscated, stored and then released by the Stasi. The secret police also allowed terrorists to use an Interior Ministry training ground near the Polish border to refine their shooting and

bomb-laying skills.
Herr Dahl, now 67, said yesterday that the sheltering of terrorists was condoned by the West. The RAF members asked to be taken in. We did not approve of their deeds but their anti-capitalist stance was close to our socialist views ... Our main aim was to prevent a terrorist scene developing in East Germany."

South Africa hosts Zaire peace talks

By Inigo Gilmore in Johannesburg AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRESIDENT Mandela announced yesterday that Laurent Kabila, the Zairean rebei leader, is to travel to South Africa for talks with representatives of the Government of Zaire as South Africa takes centre stage in international efforts to end the four-month civil war in Central Africa.

Mr Mandela, speaking after meeting President Mus-eveni of Uganda and the Pres-idents of Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Botswana, said the en order to discuss their problems" and were respondng directly to an initiative by President Museveni that they should declare a truce and meet face to face as a prelude

to democratic elections. It is a very good initiative from President Museveni where he is appealing for the parties to prepare for elections in Zaire, Mr Mandela said. They are coming here be-

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cause they want to respond to the initiative." Zairean government officials are expected to arrive today and Mr Mandela said that transport would be sent to the Rwandan capital, Kigali, to fetch Mr Kabila.

Kofi Annan, the UN Secre-tary-General, joined Western diplomats in praising Presi-dent Mandela's efforts. But the Zairean Government called a UN proposal to end the Central African country's civil war a "timid advance" that did not go far enough to condemn rebel support by R Burundi and Uganda.

The peace plan, endorsed by the UN Security Council, calls for an immediate end to the fighting in eastern Zaire; the withdrawal of all foreign forces, including mercenaries; reaffirmation of the territorial integrity of all regional states; protection of refugees; and an international conference to resolve the conflict.



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thyroidism - a condition that in the past used to lead to

become so uncommon that its sole use seems to be as a tasteless insult.

The term cretin is now rarely used in its medical sense, as the disease has

A cretin is a child who has grown up physically and mentally handicapped,

with a short stature, dry skin and an unusual face like a caricature of the late Lord Beaverbrook. These signs

and symptoms occur only if the lack of thyroid activity is not diagnosed early, and treatment is started too

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Dr Thomas Stuttaford on a medical dilemma posed by prostate cancer, the benefits of screening for cretinism, a health drink that isn't quite wine and why more women are able to laugh with confidence

To treat or not to treat? That is the question

Olivier

survived

with

cancer

had a happy smile on his face as he sat down to dinner in the boardroom of the Royal College of Radiologists this week. Dr Forman, a radiation oncologist, attends more platients with prostate cancer than any other doctor in the United States - and therefore probably in the world. Dr Forman's contented look was not only

because he had just delivered a lecture at the Royal College which had been universally acclaimed, but also because he is one of the happy men who knows that his PSA is only 0.4 and therefore that it is extremely unlikely, almost impossible, that he is suffering from cancer of the prostate himself.

21 years The PSA, prostatic specific antigen, is the blood test which helps to distinguish benign prostate from malignant enlargement of the prostate. Prostate cancer is threatening to become one of the scourges of the 21st century. Doctors don't yet know

what is the best early treatment, whether it is irradiation, surgery, or even possibly waiting to see".

Dr Forman was lecturing on irradiation of the prostate as a way of offering a cure to patients who are suffering from early cancer of this gland. No doctor will dispute that a certain number of elderly patients die of other causes before their prostatic cancer catches up with them. These patients might well, in retrospect, have been happier left undisturbed by their medical advisers. Lord Olivier, for instance, survived for 21 years with cancer

approach suggest the treatment should be withheld until the growth causes trouble.

Geoffrey Forman, of Detroit, Swedish doctors have been the most determined advocates of masterly inac-tivity. But, as Dr Forman said at the Royal College: "Could it be a coincidence that Sweden has the highest deathrate from cancer of the prostate of any sophisticated Western country?"

If treatment of cancer of the prostate is to have any chance of success, it must be started early, at the very stage when some doctors will still be advocating the waitand-see policy. Even if the spread is only

to the lymphatic glands in the pelvis near the prostate, it is too long to have waited.

Dr Forman found that more than 92 per cent of his patients in America who had been treated early with mixed neutron and photon irradiation were free of prostatic cancer ten years later. He says that a high PSA in a patient who has a small gland is a more ominous sign than the raised PSA would be if the gland was

In those rare cases in which the cancer is found in a patient with a PSA below 4, 97 to 98 per cent of Dr Forman's patients are free of prostatic cancer ten years later if they had immediate treatment. If the patient has a PSA of between 4 and 20, 92 per cent are also free of the tumour ten years later, but if the PSA is more than 20 when the tumour is diagnosed, the average long-term success rate is only 25-30 per cent.

Before everyone with a raised PSA rushes to the local hospital and asks for cyclotron treatment with the correct mixture of neutron and photron radiation ed beam, they should think again, for no such treatment is available in Britain. The

nearest centre is in Brussels. The standard radiation used in Britain



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Some doctors say that the best approach to prostate cancer is to wait and see. Despite the disease Lord Olivier lived to be 82

 which has no neutron component has only a quarter of the effect on the cancer. Despite its greater power, mixed irradiation causes fewer side-effects on the bladder than standard treatment and there is a comparable rate of damage on the recrum. The impotence rate after standard radiation and after cyclotron treatment is also the same, and is about half that which follows radical surgery. In Britain, the dose of radiation given to an average turnour of 4-5cu cm is the same as given for a vocal cord tumour of an average size of 4 to 5mm. A larger dose would cause too much damage to other pelvic organs.

Treatment is still as much a matter of philosophy as medicine. In the very likely day, and if I was rich enough, I would fly to Detroit for a mixture of neutron and photron irradiation. In Britain, I would opt for radical surgery.

Cheers — and the best of health discussing an alcohol-free drink, Nutrivine, which is said or white wine with added extracted polyphenols. The changes in the blood chemis-

to contain all of the polyphe-

nots believed to be responsible for the health-giving proper-

ties of red wine. The polyphe-nols include flavonoids and

other anti-oxidants which are

contained in the skin and pips

of grapes. When white wine is

produced, these are removed

early and play no part in its

in the relationship of anti-

oxidants, free radicals and

blood fats such as low-density

from cabernet sauvignon

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production.

nothing more excellent. nor more valuable, than wine was ever granted to mankind by the gods. But some people's drinking is lim-ited for medical reasons longstanding liver or any pancreatic disease, for instance,

This means that they have missed out on the proven cardio-protective powers of red wine and its as yet ence on all-cause mortality the medical profession's jargon for the overall deathrate. The benefits of alcohol are, of course, limited to those who drink in modertion.

Today, scientists are meeting at Downing College, Cambridge, to discuss the advantages to health of red wine. On the agenda will be the French paradox — the ability of the French to have a high fat diet but a low coronary heart disease rate. This is attributed to a liberal intake of red wine, coupled with a diet

rich in fresh fruit and vegetables as well as olive oil.

The scientists, with the cooperation of the University of Montpellier, devised a way of extracting all the polyphenois from the grape skins and seeds which were being processed at a distillery run by local farmers in the Ardeche region of France. The residue after distillation of red wine, made

grapes, contained 1.6g of poly-phenols per litre of wine. Only 2g could be extracted from a litre of white wine.
The Cambridge team fla-

voured the extracted polyphenols with blackcurrant. diluted the mixture with Evian water, which is low in calcium (tap water when mixed with the grape extract forms a scum), and gave it to healthy volunteers in Cambridge.

provided with equivalent

Howard, of Cambridge, and associates who were interested amounts of red or white wine, lipo-protein cholesterol with

the benefits of red wine drinking, decided to make use of the

Wine: a health boon

observed. In those volunteers who had red wine, the polyphenols, or the polyphenols plus white wine, the potential beneficial effects of polyphenois could be detected in the geous changes were seen in those who drank plain white The new drink, Nutrivine, is

try that are associated with the

activity of the anti-oxidants.

and therefore with the red

wine's protective effect, were

being launched in Malaysia in March. There many of the local residents are teetotal, but in future it is possible that their hearts, and the hearts of all non-drinkers, can be protected by drinking a sachet of the polyphenol extract suitably flavoured and dissolved in bottled water.

The mixture will be exactly equivalent medicinally and chemically — but not in other ways — to the half-bottle of claret I shall be enjoying in the Reform Club this evening.



gynaecological department at St George's Hospital in London has had more than its share of unwelcome publicity this week. However professional discord in its fertility unit and the medicolegal problems which are shed when a pregnant patient refuses the treatment that may be necessary to save a baby's life, shouldn't distract from

its excellent research. St George's has become an established centre for the treatment of prolapse, and associated incontinence. At least a third of women who have had children, and many who haven't, find that in early middle age they start to leak urine when they cough, speeze, or lift

St George's has been carrying out a trial using a osal periurethral collagen injection instead of an operation to treat such stress incontinence. Collagen. similar to that used to enhance the pouting of the lips of a model, is injected around the urethra, the passage down which

urine travels. In trials reported in the British Journal of Obstetrics. neriurethral injections were given to 32 women over the age of 65, 80 per cent of whom were cured without admission to hospital. Research undertaken by Mr. Ash Monga and Mr Stuart Stanton at St George's, shows that the injection does not cause any obstruction to the urine but the pressure transmitted by the collagen around the methra encourages the

bladder neck opening to

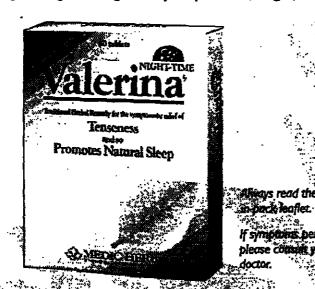


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What makes a man a modeliser?

They are men who could pick beautiful intelligent women from any sphere of life. But they always seem to end up with a model

he scene is the Hotel
Inter-Continental in though of a more innocent identifies Les Bains, the Pari-Paris, where Yves Saint Laurent's haute couture show is drawing to a close. Smiling and clapping, the models glide back towards

Once out of sight, serenity evaporates. Sandwiched between clothes rails, they are out of their ballgowns and into their own clothes. Moments later, the room is full of people. There is Yves Saint Laurent himself. Catherine Deneuve, assorted fashion editors - and a middle-aged man in a blazer who slips down the side of the room without anyone seeming to notice.

"You looked wonderful today," he tells Carla Bruni. She nods, smiles, looks distant. "Will you be doing the next Yves Saint Laurent show?" Carla says something non-committal. Her smile is glassy. Mr Blazer leans closer. and opens a pocket book: "Could I have your phone number, please?"

The Italian equivalent of "ohmigawd" flickers across Carla's face. Her nostrils flare. her cheekbones flush red. "Models are not for sale," she snaps, enunciating each word before she sweeps past him, her eyes flashing with

displeasure.

The only unusual thing about the incident is that it should have occurred within the fiefdom of the cravattes rouges - the blank-faced security men who guard the entrance to the shows. In places beyond their control the bar of the Paris Ritz, fashionable nightclubs, coffee bars close to the agencies men like this are watching and waiting to make a move on some of the most beautiful women in the world.

Candace Bushnell, who writes the Sex and the City column in the New York Observer, has coined the word "modelisers" to describe men whose driving ambition is to bed models. In the world of her column, they are slick Europeans who try to seduce innocent American models ("bambis") with lines such as "I'm convinced threesomes are good for your psyche, emotionally".

"Modelisers are a particular breed," Ms Busnnen They are a step beyond womanisers, who will sleep with just about anything in a skirt. Modelisers are not obsessed with women, but with models.'

It's a bleak, cynical picture, but Ms Bushnell is undoubtedly right that for some men. the only women worth having are those with a model agent. Such men are not all "toxic bachelors", as Ms Bushnell would describe them.

kind, seems to extend to men who are themselves judged highly desirable - rock stars, Hollywood actors, scions of wealthy dynasties. These are men who could pick beautiful, intelligent women from any sphere of life, but who always seem to end up with a model.

Take Richard Gere, who married Cindy Crawford, now dates Laura Bailey, and has also been linked with model turned-actress Vanessa Angel and former Bond girl and model, Carey Lowell. Another example — albeit less dear-cuf - is Bryan Ferry, who lived with Jerry Hall before marry-ing Lucy Helmore, the daughter of a Lloyd's broker, who

was a model. Jerry Hall famously left Bryan Ferry for Mick Jagger. whose interest in models came



Grace Bradberry

later in life (neither Bianca Jagger nor Marianne Faithfull was a model). Jagger's affairs are well documented. In 1992, he strayed into the arms of Carla Bruni. Last year another model, Nicole Kruk, told of her encounter with Jagger on a hotel couch, and the Czech model Jana Rajlich allegedly welcomed him into her hotel.

To wonder Ms Hall appears to consider heterosexual men a danger to young models. In a recent interview she tells how she arrived in Paris at the age of 16 and was lucky to find a circle of male friends who were all either gay or transvestites".

But the vast majority of modelisers are not famous, merely rich. The high profile of models appears to be part of their allure Paula Hamilton, a former model, suggests that "it's a normal thing to want to be attached to someone who's getting a lot of media attention". Normal perhaps, but

scarcely admirable. Not surprisingly, modelisers are "a kind of standing joke", says Angela Dunn, an

sian nightclub much frequented by the fashion crowd, as a legendary hunting ground for modelisers. They tend to get tables by the dancefloor, then later in the evening they il start to schmooze. Normally they've got a suit on, they re in their early thirties, unmarried and have slicked-back hair."

But they are not only indigenous to the Continent. "I can specifically remember one guy who was around when I first moved to London. Every couple of years 11 hear his name again. He's still taking out bevies of girls, buying them dinner on their

on one level, it's easy to see why men would love models. Not only are they beautiful, but their beauty comes with an official stamp of recognition. They are well-groomed, wellheeled (in every sense), and

ut to chase models above any other kind of woman is effectively an admission that beauty is the principal criterion. A few men can claim force of

circumstance. "Photographers tend to meet models. David Bailey says — which may explain why he has dated Jean Shrimpton and Penelope Tree, and married Catherine Deneuve (originally a model), Marie Helvin, and now Catherine Dyer. It's no more surprising that Hubert Boukobza, the Franco-Tunisian owner of Les Bains, eventually settled down with a model. He and Kristen MacMenamy live in the 16th arrondissement with their daughter, Lily.

But something deeper than circumstance must surely drive Tim Jefferies, the grand-son of the Green Shield stamps founder. Since his marriage to Koo Stark, which ended in 1989, he has dated the Australian model Elle Macpherson and Ines Sastre, a Spanish model who became the Max Factor girl. The names of American models Terri May and Denice Lewis have also appeared alongside

his in the gossip columns. Until the age of 21, Jefferies had lived the life of any other young man in a provincial but then he inherited part of the family fortune. Access to a "higher" social echelon was suddenly within reach. As Elle's other half he gained admittance to jetset parties whose door policy demanded glamour as well as wealth.

The social mobility of models adds to their eligibility. The most successful are on everybody's A-list. No matter how blue blood the party, a few appearances in Vogue will make up for lack of family pedigree. Ultimately they possess a social neutrality not to be

found elsewhere. This is appealing to those whose own position is fluid. Jamie Packer, the son of Kerry Packer, Australia's most famous tycoon, has dated Tania Bryer (a model turned TV presenter), Nicola Formby and lennifer Flavin, who also dat-

ed Sylvester Stallone. But the neutral position of models is equally attractive to those whose social ranking is fixed. Aristocrats who prefer not to marry within the limited circle of their own kind - and who don't wish their fame to be confined merely to Nigel Dempster's column - can marry a model and be confident that she will be accepted

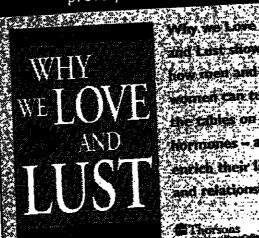
Victoria Lockwood, who became anorexic.

Lorenzo, an American, also failed, even before he was arrested for

> The flip-side of the modeliser syndrome is that most society women are now models. Tara Palmer-Tomkin-

Ray-Ban and the skiwear designer, Sam de Teran. Miss Palmer-Tomkinson's current boyfriend is Robert Hanson, the 36-year-old son of Lord Hanson, who previously dated the heiress and model

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Richard Gere with Laura Bailey (left) and Vanessa Angel





Tim Jefferies with Ines Sastre (left) and Elle Macpherson





Close friends: Carla Bruni (above) who fell for Mick Jagger (far right with Jerry Hall); and Jamie Packer with Jennifer Flavin (who dated Sylvester Stallone)

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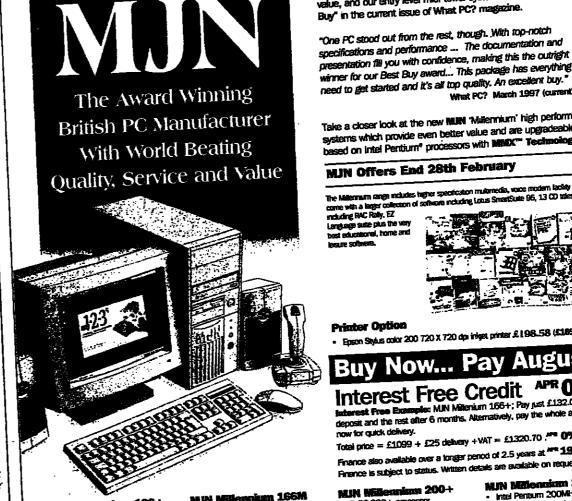
The marriage of Lord Brockett to the model Isabell

A model fraud. doesn't have to do anything, she just has to be

son is a case in point. After that picture of Tara and friends, naked save for handbags over their bottoms, she has modelled for

Normandie Keith, followed by Brenda Schad, a former "face of Givenchy".

What these men seek may well be a woman removed from the grind of life. Idle aristocrats and leisured heiresses no longer exist - they all have jobs. To outsiders, modelling appears a sort of fantasy occupation. A model doesn't have to do anything, goes the myth, she just has to be.



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Branson has no time for slow coaches

Magnus Linklater wants Labour

to back the West Coast railway

The last time a gale like this one tore across the country. I was sitting in a lounge car on the West Coast line, somewhere high up in the Border hills. We were stuck. The overhead lines had blown over, the back-up diesel had broken down, and the prospects of reaching Edinburgh by lunchtime were minimal. Actually, things could have been worse. Once the business passengers had expostulated down the telephone and cancelled their important meetings, we all sat back, had some coffee and proceeded to complain very enjoyably to each other for the next four or five hours. We couldn't say much about "bloody British Railways" any more, because we were there courtesy of Caledonian Sleepers Ltd under contract to InterCity, and the galetorn cables were the responsibility of yet another company. Railtrack. So we mouned about privatisation instead.

But the stuffing had gone out of the argument. For a start we were warm, we had hot food, newspapers, access to a telephone and friendly service. When I thought back to some of the lost hours I have spent with British Rail in freezing carriages where "due

to a powercut there will no service from the buffet car. I found the notion of Richard Branson and his bid for the West Coast line strangely compelling. Anyone who has travelled on that

in the railway simply allowed it to crumble. Trains that were meant to travel at 110mph, cutting the journey from London to Glasgow to five hours, stuttered instead along old-fashioned tracks which suffered from subsidence, sharp curves, single-bore tunnels and outdated

signalling equipment. Surely, then, only the most curmudgeonly would complain about yesterday's news that Branson's Virgin Group has won the franchise to run the London to Scotland InterCity West Coast route, and that it intends to spend E750 million on a high-speed service which will cut the travelling time between London and Glasgow to less than four hours, to say nothing of typical Branson touches such as videos linked to the Internet and a home-to-station limousine service. If privatisation is irreversible then this must

surely be the way forward. That depends, and it depends in the end on whether Labour can take a deep breath and embrace a privatisation which it castigated not so long ago as "the poll tax on wheels". predicting that it would be enough to bring down John Major's Government. It is hard now to remember how fervently people like Brian Wilson and Clare Short campaigned against the iniquity of a privatised rail service. Barely 18 months ago, they were warning that this was a privatisation too far whose outcome hung in the balance. A succession of leaks suggested that safety was being compromised, the real cost of privatisation disguised, and the sheer complexity of the deals was unworkable. At that time they probably had public opinion on their side.

Things have changed. With Railtrack sold and all the remaining franchises likely to be let by next month, there is evidence that instead of the predicted disaster, things are working not too badly. In its first survey, the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising found that the first eight franchised companies had all either maintained or improved on their punctuality and reliability performances. Some services had ordered new trains and were running additional services. The rail users committee reported that complaints were down by 30 per cent. My own anecdotal evidence comes from a conversation with the chairman of a shortly-to-be-privatised ser-vice who had once predicted doom and decline, but who was now warm in his praises for a system which allowed him to claim refunds from Railtrack for unpunctuality, and which meant that his arrival times had improved by

It has not all been good news. In the South West, Stagecoach has cut 39 services a day. and elsewere there We were has been a marked warm, we failure to upgrade dilapidated rollinghad hot stock. There are rumours that some of food, access the deals are so tight that very shortly

at least 20 per cent.

mands for more crown, knows that for 20 years public subsidy from some of successive governments have the successful bidders, and there are still major questions hanging over the commitments made on new investment. But if share prices are anything to go by, there is no falling off of enthusiasm, and if Branson's predictions are anything to go by, even the West Coast route, once known as the "InterSloppy Line" can be made profitable

> hat is, if a future Labour Government continues to support it. Privatisation does not mean that governments can wash their hands of the railways, only that they cost the Treasury less. Branson will get nowhere unless Railtrack provides the estimated £1.5 billion needed to improve the track, signalling and station system between London and Glasgow. The company has to be kept to its side of the bargain, and it will look to a future government to continue its subsidy. If Branson is to rise to what he calls "the greatest challenge ever" and turn the West Coast line around, he will need the backing and, indeed, enthusiastic support of a future Labour Government. As one of the few genuinely popular capitalists around, he could just persuade the party that it would be worth their while.

The alternative is for Labour to turn its back on the railways, to leave the privatised companies to their own devices and blame any short-comings on its Tory predecessors. That would certainly make good propaganda. But it would guarantee a rotten train service.



THREE MEN GUILTY OF INFLICTING PAIN ON EACH OTHER...

The runes of Wirral

ment are always difficult: when the Government is generally expected to lose they can seem positively ghostly. I find myself peeping from the cross-benches in the House of Lords at the government front bench, then peeping down at the Labour front bench. and then making the mental transposition.

How many hopes will be frustrated, egos bruised, careers interrupted perhaps never to be resumed? How many others will their first use of the coveted red boxes? Yet one has to remember. The election has still to be fought. All is still to play for.

Conservative support is beginning to rally, if somewhat hesitantly. Ten days ago the Westminster Conservatives sent a coachload of canvassers up to Wirral South to help in the byelection. They were taken to a Conservative area and found that most of the Tory voters were in a general election rather than a protest mood. Some of the support was unenthusiastic: "I suppose we shall have to vote for them." Yet few of those who had voted Conservative in 1992 were refusing to vote Conservative again at the by-election.

There have been similar by-elections before. On November 7, 1991, the Conservatives lost two seats, in Kincardine and Deeside and in Langbaurgh, which is north of Scarborough. Both seats were won back at the general election in April 1992, but the two by-elections were quite different. In Kincardine and Deeside there was a huge protest swing of 11.4 per cent to the Liberal Democrats: at the general election there was an even bigger swing back, of 13.5 per cent. Plainly that was the last of the protest by-elections of that Parliament, and it gave no indication of the general election result. In Langbaurgh there was a swing to Labour of only 3.6 per cent, followed at the general election by a swing back to the Conservatives of 3.1 per cent. As the Wirral South by-election comes so close to the general election, it seems more likely to produce a Langbaurgh-type of

The Conservative vote will be particularly interesting. In 1992, Barry Porter won 25,590 votes; that was 50.8 per cent of the votes cast on an 82 per cent turnout: in 1987 he had won 24,821 votes, 50.2 per cent of the votes cast. At this by election the turnout will fall, probably by about 20 per cent. A Conservative vote of 20,000

If the Conservatives do well at the by-election, the reason will be Europe

William Rees-Mogg

would therefore probably be enough to hold the seat. Current national opinion polls suggest that Conserva-tive support has fallen by about a quarter since the last election; that would produce a Wirral vote of about 15,000. Anything less than that would be a disaster; anything close to 20,000 would be encouraging for the Conservatives; more than 20,000 would be a

serious setback for Labour. In Wirral South, the Liberal Democrat vote has already been squeezed; it fell from 10,779 to 6,581 between the general elections of 1987 and 1992. It may be squeezed still further this

time possibly almost to vanishing point if Labour could get out the vote, plus half the Liberal vote, that would put it above the high target number of 20,000, but it would be an extraordinary

achievement. There is nothing the Conservatives can do to stop Liberal Democrats voting Labour. In the marginal seats in which Labour comes second, it seems likely that between a third and a half of Liberal Democrats will vote at least tactically for the Labour candidate at the general election. Obviously, Tony Blair appeals to Liberal Democrats, and current polls are showing a fall of up to a third in the national support for the Liberal

Democrats as a party. This factor alone could decide the election. If Labour had won half the Liberal Democrat vote in 1992, it would have had 43.3 per cent of the popular vote, against the Conservatives' 41.9 per cent. Even in 1987, half the alliance vote would have given Labour 42.1 per cent of the popular vote against the Conservatives' 42.2. Labour would probably have been the largest party in both the last two Parliaments if it had appealed to Liberal Democrats as strongly as Tony Blair seems now to be doing.

There were 69 Conservative seats in the 1992 Parliament that would have gone to Labour on a 5 per cent swing. If Labour had won all of them, the 1992 result would have been more than reversed: Labour would have

had 340 seats to the Conservative 267. In these seats Liberal Democrat votes could have been decisive. Even in Great Yarmouth, which was the safest Conservative seat of these 69. the Liberal Democrats polled 13.6 per cent against a Tory majority of 10 per cent; in the more marginal seats a much smaller percentage of the Liberal Democrat vote would have put Labour in. It will be bad news for the Conservatives if the Liberal Democrat vote in Wirral South does completely collapse, as most people think it will.

One can use the Wirral result as a rough, and proba-bly unreliable, ready reckoner for the general election. If one assumes some swing back to the Government, an even split of the Wirral vote would suggest a hung Par-

liament, a 3,000 majority would suggest a result like that of 1992, with the majority party holding about 335 seats to 265, and a 6,000 majority would mean a landslide, with seats divided 375 to 225. If, as early opinion polls suggested, Labour is going to win the by-election by a majority of more than 6,000, a Labour landslide at the general election becomes a

🔫 he new element in the general election campaign is Mal-colm Rifkind's statement yesterdaythat the Government is hostile to the single currency. and his challenge to Germany on European policy. This is matched by Gordon Brown's declaration in America that Labour is now the pro-Europe party. Tony Blair has tried. with great political skill, to deprive the Conservatives of election issues, except for devolution and the House of Lords. Brown has been dangerously frank. Those voters who are afraid of Britain becoming part of a European superstate are served notice that they should not vote Labour. The Tories are becoming the anti-federal-

This will accelerate the return of Conservative voters; it may win for Labour some Europhile votes, but

there are many fewer of them. The European issue is increasingly becoming the outstanding election issue, which may suit Gordon Brown better than it suits Tony Blair. Yet the Conservatives will need to start winning Labour votes on the issue if they are to win the election. Margaret Thatcher turned the Labour Party's flank; can John Major do so?

At the Conservative Party conference John Major did play rather clumsily with the strategy of turning the class battle upside down. He must now be tempted to leave the "progressive" middle class to Tony Blair, just as they have been left to the Democrats in the United States. The professors of liberal arts colleges in New England did not vote for Ronald Reagan, but the "hard hat" industrial workers did. Gordon Brown has put himself and his party at risk. He could easily be portrayed as a Shadow Chancellor who will not be able to put up expenditure and has promised not to put up taxes, and as the Scottish politician who wants to hand over British sovereignty to

Brussels, if not to Berlin. This would be a good electoral swap for the Tories. George Orwell's patriotic working class has always had more votes than the readership of The Guardian. Tony Blair has been amazingly successful in this class struggle so far; he has reassured the middle class and made them feel it is safe to vote Labour. John Major has exactly ten weeks left in which to persuade a section of the working class that they will find it even safer to

Note in reply to Baroness Blatch: She said in the House of Lords (February 13): "If someone burgles persistently, whether he steals a loaf of bread, a pint of milk, or 50p from a purse, he should receive a sentence of at least three years." I quoted her statement on February 17. In her letter to The Times yesterday, she writes: "William Rees-Mogg is wrong to imply that under the Crime (Sentences) Bill petty thieves will automatically receive a three-year prison sentence for a third conviction. They will not."

I never suggested that the proposed mandatory sentences applied to persistent petty thieves other than burglars, but they would apply to all persistent petty burglars, as Lady Blatch correctly stated in the House of Lords, and as I correctly quoted the

Art in Warhol's world

Rachel Campbell-

Johnston on his

vacuous legacy

Andy Warhol's life ended, not with a bang — though he is known the world over for being shot by a gun-toing man-hater — but a whimper. He died in his sleep after a routine gall-bladder operation in a New York hospital. The artistic revolution which he fired is fading towards a similarly inauspicious end. The ferocious Expressionist Willem de Kooning once snarled that Warhol had murdered art. But the truth is less dramatic. Diluted by countless derivations, the impact of Warhol's ideas gradually dissolves into weaker standards of achievement and increasingly watery aesthetic

convictions.

Warhol's work has never moved me. It lacks the visceral passions that lift great art beyond its immediate cultural context. But this is not to deny its intellectual interest. Warhol has deservedly exceeded his own 15minute allocation of fame. His museum in Pittsburgh ranks second only to that of Picasso in Paris as the largest single artist museum in the world. Containing everything from used bus tickets to the odd shoe, it is a shrine to a man who turned all that he touched into a work of art.

For an artist who took pains to point out his own superficiality — "If you want to know about Andy Warhol just look at the surface of my paintings ... there I am. There's nothing behind it"—this is the sort of brazen irony he would have enjoyed. It is the sature that sparkles at the centre of his work. His mass produced images, so empty of content, so content with their emptiness, para-doxically have become some of the most distinctive in the world. All over the world people recognise the Campbell's soup cans and Marilyn Mon-roes as the work of the blank Czech with the platinum white wig.
Warhol may have declared that he

thought it would be "terrific if everybody was alike", but the truth is that there was no one else quite like him. He had an intuition - a clairvoyance almost - which touched the flickering nerve of fashion. He recognised electronic technology to be a revolution, just as oil painting, etching or photography were once

revolutionary.
His art may have been democratic in the sense that anyone could do it. Yet it took an Andy Warhol - and there was only one of those — to show the way. His fatal legacy was to finger the path to artistic fame to those who have little other claim to it.

ld-fashioned talent has been

swept aside. Like the sad entourage of freaks in a torpid Warholian movie, young artists are spurred on to greater selfrevelation by a voyeurism which makes them actually believe they are interesting. In a performance piece in Stockholm last year, Tracey Emin could be peeped at through a spyhole as, stripped naked, she painted a portrait of herself being mounted from behind. But what is the difference between her and the sad descendents of Warhol's superstars who we can watch at the flip of a TV channel, ripping open their lives for ringmasters such as Oprah Winfrey. There was an originality in Warhol's transformation of taboo images into art. But shock has now become a puerile tool to awaken fagged-out vestiges of public outrage. Sarah Lucas, another notorious bad-girl of Britpack art, has produced lists of obscenities - the colloquial names of

And if Warhol propounded a superficiality in art, it was one touched with irony and dead-pan wit. went to the opening of a show by the artist Gary Hume, a Turner Prize contender, at the Saatchi Gallery last month, but found in the bland surfaces of household paint only a muli vacuity, unalleviated by assur-ances that two three-leaf clovers were a "decorative emblem", representing the moment of conception and of artistic inspiration. The only artist present, as far as I could tell, was Charles Saatchi himself. He had created meaning out of meaningless paintings by placing them in the context of a gallery and a circle of glitzy but guillible guests.

sexual parts and sexual practices —

emblazoned on 4ft strips of paper.

This is not necessarily to say that conceptual art is always bad or that there should be a return to the more traditional techniques. The world is equally plagued by the mediocrity of stolid convention. There is room for diversion and expansion of ideas. Artists like Damien Hirst touch a nerve with their powerful images. Gilbert and George play, to subtle effect, with Warholian ideas of multiple reproduction and the artist as artwork. But there is a fine, yet decisive line between them, and someone like Angus Fairhurst, flopping around in a monkey suit in front

of a video camera. We live now in a Warholian world.

Motor mouth

MODESTY is the unlikely sentiment on display from Alan Clark. the lastivious Tory candidate for Kensington and Chelsea.

Writing about his Bentley Continental S, numberplate AC 1800, for the Backfire column in this month's Classic Cars, the old bloodhound says: "I deliberately understate the appearance of my own car having had the shiny wheels stoved matt black ... Unlike (I assume) most owners I don't want other road users to think look at that rich git in his Bentley not until it's too late, anyway." This vaguely menacing but unflashy black wheel-rim look

gives good protection against it

getting keyed by a roaming Class-

War activist".

instruments and tells of how his windscreen surround just popped out: "I've never heard of this happening to a 20-year-old Capri." He rounds off his tirade by asking some big questions of Bentley: "Who's in charge? Above all, who's responsible for inspection?"

 Scratching away to try to cash in on the election is David Mellor,





the self-satisfied MP for Putney, who has been hawking around a synopsis for a book. His proposal is a comparative study of Margaret Thatcher and John Major. At least one major publisher has turned up its nose.

Organ grinder

SNEAKY pre-election tactics are under way in the Tory camp if we are to believe Labour's account of a radio phone-in on BBC Radio Gloucestershire. Diana Organ. Labour's candidate for the Forest of Dean, was in full cry expounding party policy on air the other day when the monotony was relieved by a call from a listener, styling himself Paul from Mitcheldean. Mitcheldean Paul turned out to

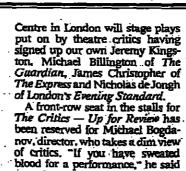
be Paul Marland, the local Tory

MP, and Ms Organ has taken his

intervention in poor humour.

Stringer, a Welshman. Stringer, who made his name in America with CBS, rising to be president of the network, is said to have been talking to Channel 4 in the past few

Now in charge of an interactive company calley Tele-TV, he is one of the key fundraisers for new Labour in New York. Channel 4 may appeal to him, if remarks he made in 1995 are anything to go by. "After years of living with the rat-



recently, only to find it dismissed contemptuously as incompetent. you may be forgiven for wanting to revive the garrotte."

 Dismal news for Jonathan Hill. the Prime Minister's former political secretary. He hasn't even made the last 15 in the contest to. replace Sir George Gardiner as the Tory candidate in Reigate. Sir. George, however, need not worry about being overshadowed by his replacement. The best of the rest.



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LONG MARCHER

Deng's unequal legacy to modern China

Deng Xiaoping's long career, stretching back to his political apprenticeship to Zhou Enlai as a casual worker at the Renault Billancourt factory and his joining of the Communist Party 73 years ago, is a mirror held up to the turbulent history of China's Communist revolution. To the Chinese, and certainly to Mao Zedong, he was a talented apparatchik and a survivor, but hardly an obvious contender for the modern equivalent of the Mandate of Heaven that he managed by stealth and perseverence to claim. To Western eyes, this tiny, brusque man of formidable guile and willpower was a mass of contradictions.

Ever ruthless in the Party's defence, he was also several times, most notably in the Cultural Revolution, the victim of the arbitrary and cruel system of centralised dictatorship that he helped to forge. Zealous after 1949 in the enforced collectivisation of the peasantry and in the purges, first of landlords and then of intellectuals, which physically and morally impoverished China, he was to become after 1978 the man who successfully exhorted Chinese that "to be rich is glorious". Inventive and pragmatic in his drive for a prosperous China under the slogan of "four modernisations", he persecuted without hesitation or mercy all those who argued that China must also embrace the "fifth modernisation", democratic reform and accountable government. He was the architect of China's "opening up" to the outside world; but he was unshakingly convinced that foreign influences were a source of "spiritual pollution".

The man born with the name Deng Xixian to a minor local landowner in Sichuan bent like a reed before the gales of political fashion. Yet as a Communist, he was remarkably consistent. Everything that he did had the Party in mind. That was why he lauded the "wall of steel" with which the People's Liberation Army crushed the demonstrators of Tiananmen. But that was also why he cast orthodox socialist ideology to the winds, famously telling Chinese people that it didn't matter whether the cat was black or white so long as it caught mice. The point for Deng was that the Chinese Communist Party would not long survive the collapse of Communism in the West unless ordinary Chinese came to equate it with rising wealth. His reward is that to the Chinese who mourn his death today, he came at the end to stand - even after the horrors of Tiananmen and although the Party has become synonymous with corruption in high places - for a period of unaccustomed and deeply valued stability.

That, even more than the respect still accorded to the few remaining veterans of Mao's legendary Long March, accounts for his continued hold on the imagination of his countrymen. In many men, the long years which Deng Xiaoping spent in death's antercom would make his final step over the threshold an event of minor significance. China's "paramount leader" officially retired in 1990, was already unable to make a speech when he was last seen in public three years ago and slipped rapidly thereafter into semi-comatose senility. The successors whose rivalry for supreme power will now intensify will be well pleased if the world's reaction is similar to that of Dorothy Parker when told of Calvin Coolidge's death - to shrug and say "how could they tell?" They will be even more pleased if foreign governments and investors take for granted Chinese assurances that a seamlessly smooth succession is already established fact. But they will be pleased precisely because the reality is otherwise.

China now enters on a period of uncertainty. That is for two reasons. The first is China operates through complicated and highly personalised networks of guianxi, or connections, between different power bases. None of the present "collective" leadership. whether it be the "core" leader. President Jiang Zemin, the grey Soviet-trained Prime Minister, Li Peng, or the reforming technocrats grouped around Qiao Shi, has the key to them all - let alone the authority over the armed forces that Deng enjoyed. The second is that Deng's revolution is changing China in ways that he never intended. Open windows "let in flies"; capitalism, even on "the Chinese model", is eroding the Party's monopoly on power because it requires shared information and devolved decisionmaking. While he lived, these contradictions could, with difficulty, be masked. From now on, they will be harder and harder to evade.

A PROPER SCEPTICISM

Rifkind is right to show his hostility to EMU

Try as ministers will, the carefully mixed: cement sealing last month's Cabinet compromise on monetary union keeps cracking. The chinks are swiftly repaired, but not . In the calculation of Britain's interest perore exploring eyes nave peered mid inc Cabinet Room through the slit briefly opened in the wall. What the public wants to know is whether the Government's studiedly pragmatic formal position, which is that Britain will not join an EMU based on fudged convergence criteria and does not see how that could be otherwise on the 1999 timetable, masks hardening opposition in the Cabinet to the single currency on grounds of principle. What Labour hankers to know, in addition, is whether a Cabinet split on EMU this side of the election would enable it to shift the spotlight away from its own ambiguous version, or more accurately, versions, of "wait and see".

The result, as every minister knows, is that their every word on this explosive issue attracts more scrutiny than entire speeches on other matters of policy. Yesterday morning on the Today programme, Malcolm Rifkind was deflected from his preferred theme, his speech in Bonn last night challenging Germany to explain how its ambitions for political union stop short of creating "a European state" that few European citizens want, back onto this hazardous EMU territory.

. The Foreign Secretary repeated that there were "powerful arguments against a single currency" and that Britain had "no commitment in principle" to join. These arguments go back to Britain's Maastricht opt-out and are compatible with the Cabinet policy that Britain will "negotiate and then decide". But, teased that the Government was "neutral", he retorted that although very careful

thought was needed before ruling it out completely, "on balance, we are hostile to a single currency".

wnich ooth parties sa will be the ulumaid test, there is a world of difference between the "yes, if" to which Labour has been leaning and "no. unless" that hostility implies. Even so, Mr Rifkind's frankness does not so much change government policy as make it more voter-friendly. John Major's immediate response was to reinforce the message by pointing out that Britain had sterling, that the burden of proof was on supporters of EMU to demonstrate that a change would be beneficial and that "we are not so persuaded at the moment. Had Kenneth Clarke not rushed, in defiance of accepted etiquette among Cabinet colleagues, to declare Mr Rifkind's remark a "slip of the tongue under pressure", it would have been a good day for the Government.

By fanning the flames in this way, as he has repeatedly done whenever EMU is in contention, the Chancellor does neither himself nor his party any favours. He gives Labour chances to play its best card, Tory divisions; and where his own position is concerned he reveals the nervousness and unsure touch of a man on the defensive. This is the more extraordinary in view of the strong doubts he now has, expressed in his interview with The Times on page 29, about the wisdom of going ahead with EMU before the countries that want to join have made sufficient progress with structural economic and labour reforms. On Europe's future, the Tories now have compelling arguments. Mr Rifkind rightly wants to take them to the heart of Europe. Mr Clarke's place is at his shoulder, not behind his back.

RAIDERS OF THE LOST LEGENDS

If Atlantis exists, we shall have to invent another imaginary city

Today's latest map of the mind locates Atlantis in Bolivia. Jim Allen, a former cartographic draughtsman and aerial intelligence interpreter for the RAF, says so, at length, in a book supported by photographs, charts and other toys of his trade.

Now an expert at making mountains out of microdots commands attention with such topographical identification. It is odd that the island suddenly swallowed up by the sea should re-emerge as a landlocked state. Especially one that has more of its land above sea-level than anywhere except Nepal. But Mr Allen has an answer for that. Atlantis lay in a plain surrounded by great mountains and canals. The Bolivian altiplano, with its volcano under Lake Poopó. could explain both legendary inundation

and modern geography. Since Plato first spun the tale in the imagus, category-confused romantics have deen looking for the lost Atlantis. And their evidence has been assembled with as much emphasis as Mr Allen's. But until today, the best candidate was Thera. The volcanic eruption that blew Thera out of prehistory has been held responsible for other such catastrophe myths as Noah's Ark, the parting of the Red Sea to let the Israelites across before drowning the Egyptians, and the inundation of the Minoans.

But Atlantis was foundation and morality myth before guidebook. And the search for heroic lands of lost content, from Camelot to Shangri La, has been as productive as aerial photography. The modern passion for fantasy in films and books shows that the imagination has its own cartography, odder and older than physical topography.

As Stephen Hawking and his peers prove, scientists are more prone to romance than ordinary mortals as soon as they step outside the black holes of their specialities. For Michael Faraday first saw the connection between electricity and magnetism, and for that ended up with his face on the back of the £20 note as an English worthy. But Faraday was also a Sandemanian, holding incredible opinions of the unscientific world. If they really discover Atlantis in Bolivia, this may be a great day for the prehistorians and proto-archaeologists. But the rest of us will just have to invent another city of the mind. One that we can seek but never find.

Self-interest and

the arms trade

From Air Vice-Marshal John Downey (retd)

Sir. On moral grounds the Bishops of Coventry, Durham and Oxford are clearly right to call for control over the arms trade (letter, February 15). But I believe one could support them by appealing to enlightened self-interest on

The arms trade is most profitable to middlemen who can buy fully developed surplus weapons off the shelf, which bear no direct research, development or production costs. It is governments that bear all the high-tech R&D costs, and the desire to offset these is the principal motive behind direct governmental arms trading.

Since then commercial regrouping and jointly-funded projects have reduced fragmentation, but the burdens are still formidable. All West European nations, and to some extent even the US, face R&D costs out of proportion to the production runs for their own national forces. Sales abroad are therefore a necessity rather than simply a bonus. In fact there is rarely if ever a net profit, merely an alleviation of the huge cost of nationbased defence procurement.

gravated by its proposed eastwards urity system will heighten the need for more cost-effective defence and more integrated arms procurement.

moves in Europe towards greater inte-gration of foreign and defence policies, will create opportunities which we must not miss to agree rules for the arms trade.

February 16.

Sex education

From the Chair of the Society for

Sir, Critics of the report on teenage sex by the NHS Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, which advocates earlier sex education and sensitive sexual health services, suggest that these will lead to an increase in promiscuity "Birth control advice urged at age of Il", February 15).
This belief is repeatedly contra-

dicted by evidence and research, including that of the World Health Organisation. In fact, in countries such as Sweden and The Netherlands which offer consistent early sex education - at primary school years young people are seen to delay first sexual activity.

The report further points to the vital importance of educational and health services - teachers, GPs and school nurses - working closely together to ensure young people are supported in developing the confidence to make decisions about their sexual health and to resist pressure to be sexually active. Only with such a collaborative approach will we be able to tackle our unenviable record of holding the highest teenage pregnancy rate in Europe.

Yours faithfully. JO ADAMS, Chair, Society for the Advancement of Sexual Health, PO Box 17. Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

TV 'stings'

February 17.

From the Director of Programmes, Channel 4 Television

Sir, John Stonborough's partial interpretation of the way the programme code of the Independent Television Commission is used to police secret filming is seriously misleading (letters, February II).

The code says secret filming "is acceptable only when it is clear that the material so acquired is essential to establish the credibility and authority of a story, and where the story itself is equally clearly of important public interest".

The code also states that, as senior programme executive at Channel 4, all applications for such filming have to be submitted to me in writing before the filming is carried out (wherever practicable) and again before it is transmitted. These written requests are reviewed regularly by the ITC.

Channel 4 does not give permission lightly for secret filming, and we certainly do not sanction "fishing expeditions". But it is sometimes necessary to use secret filming in order to corroborate important stories of public interest, such as the Sotheby's scandal.

Yours faithfully JOHN WILLIS, Director of Programmes, Channel Four Television. 124 Horseferry Road, SWI. February 12.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Gay genes' and selective abortion

strategic grounds.

The problem is compounded by the fragmentation of Western arms production. In 1984 Michael Heseltine, then Secretary of State for Defence. pointed out that within Nato there were II firms in seven countries working on anti-tank weapons: 18 firms in seven countries making ground-to-air weapons; eight firms in six countries making air-to-air weapons; lb firms in seven countries working on air-toground weapons and ten firms in seven countries working on ship-to-

ship weapons.

A further disadvantage is, of course, the lack of standardisation of equipment in Nato, which is likely to be agextension (letters, February 17); and the much sought-after European sec-

These prospects, together with

Yours faithfully, J. C. T. DOWNEY, Windmill House, Bosham, Sussex.

the Advancement of Sexual Health

As long as the State (through the Department for Education and Employment, the Teacher Training Agency or whatever body) controls and manipulates teacher-training numbers in line with political agendas there is little chance of a true, independent profession being allowed to develop in this country.

The level of knowledge required by the curriculum rises continually: my daughter studies for her geography GCSE work which only recently I was teaching to my undergraduate stu-dents and which I only learnt at post-

From Mr Peter Tatchell

Sir, I am surprised that an esteemed scientist like Dr James Watson should give any credibility, however qualified, to the flawed theory which claims a genetic causation of homosexuality (report, February 17).

According to gav gene theory, genetic factors are responsible for sexual orientation, with our genetic inheritance programming us to desire one sex rather than the other. If heterosexuality and homosexual-

ity are, indeed, mutually exclusive, unchangeable and genetically determined as this theory suggests, how do we explain bisexuality or people who suddenly in midlife, switch from heterosexuality to homosexuality (or vice versa)? We can't. It is, of course, possible that genetic factors might predispose individuals

towards a particular sexuality. However, a predisposition is not the same as a causation. Most studies indicate that genetic influences are of secondary significance compared to social mores and expectations. If homosexuality was primarily ex-

plainable in generic terms, we would expect it to appear in the same proportions and forms in all cultures and all epochs.

As the anthropologists Clellan Ford and Frank Beach demonstrated in Patterns of Sexual Behaviour (1965). far from being cross-culturally stable. both the incidence and expressions of same-sex desire vary vastly between different societies.

Yours sincerely. PETER TATCHELL. 45 Arrol House. Rockingham Street, SEI.

From Mr Mark Mullen

Sir. Quentin Crisp seems to equate homosexuality with effeminacy and frivolity. Though he may have wished to be "a princess" and felt his "body was not what he wanted it to be", this surely is a reflection of his personality. rather than his sexuality.

Commentators persistently fail to recognise homosexuality for what it is. a small part of an individual's life. It does not colour everything one does. or account for the camp and ridicu-lous behaviour which has its roots in the insalubrious sub-culture developed before legalisation. Nor does it imply that a homosexual wishes to be anything other than male.

Any genetically based selective abortion programme would deprive the world of many hard-working, sober-minded individuals who are perfectly satisfied with their existence and their sexuality. Crisp should not tar us all with his own brush.

Yours faithfully. MARK R. MULLEN, Van Mildert College, University of Durham.

Teaching standards under review

From the Reverend Ian Paul

Sir. We read this morning of the latest development in the Government's education policy - yet another way to punish teachers fleading article and report, "Teachers face sack if their pupils fail").

It is commonly believed that the way you treat people shapes the way they behave. I wonder what effect it is having on children at school for their teachers to be living in an atmosphere of constant criticism from their political masters.

Is it not time that the Government led by example and started finding good to praise, rather than finding faults to criticise? We would expect no less from any teacher.

Yours faithfully. IAN PAUL 44 Kingston Road, Poole, Dorset. February 12.

From Dr M. F. Hopkinson

Sir, Reading Viscount Caldecote's leter advocating a chartered profession al teachers' institution (February III against a background of yet another initiative by Gillian Shephard to raise standards in education, caused me to reflect that all attempts to "charter" teachers so as to establish internally monitored professional standards have failed because of the reluctance of governments to allow professional

graduate level. The ability of some, if not all, children to handle such a curriculum surely implies rising rather than falling standards of education.

Yours faithfully, M. F. HOPKINSON. 204 Stockton Lane, York. February 12.

From Mr Tim Wheatley

Sir, Viscount Caldecote called for "a focus for excellence both in maintaining high standards of training and of professional conduct in its widest sense". We agree with him that if initiatives to raise the standards of the teaching profession are to have any chance of success they must involve the profession itself.

As the current chartered body for the teaching profession, the College of Preceptors is actively seeking ways in which Viscount Caldecote's ideas can be put into practice. It also supports the very relevant proposals which have long been made from within education for a General Teaching Council for England and Wales, and endorses the current Private Member's Bill promoted by Sir Malcolm Thornton, MP, on the subject.

Yours sincerely, TIM WHEATLEY (Chief Executive Officer), College of Preceptors, Coppice Row, Theydon Bois, Epping, Essex. February 12

From Dr Julia Matthews

Sir, Teaching success is hard to measure with pupils who have special educational needs or are taken on after suspension from other schools. Will any school admit them, or are

we heading for a population of pupil refuseniks? Yours etc.

JULIA MATTHEWS 50 Sydney Road, Bexleyheath, Kent. February 12.

Science and the arts

From Mr K. R. Williams

Sir, The chasm between public recognition given to artists and scientists apily described by Melvyn Bragg larticle, February 10; letters, February 15) has only developed during the 20th century. The Friday evening dis-courses at the Royal Institution of Great Britain at which eminent scientists describe their work to a general audience began early in the 19th century and rapidly became so ponular that the traffic congestion outside in Albemarie Street was severe enough for the authorities to have to make it London's first one-way thoroughfare. By the turn of the century outstanding members of society including members of the government regularly attended on these occasions.

Sadly a well-rounded person with an understanding of both arts and science is no longer the norm. Surely some attempt to remedy this deticiency could be made by televising these discourses, which continue to this day?

Yours faithfully. KEITH R. WILLIAMS, University of Cambridge Department of Material Science and Metallurgy. Pembroke Street, Cambridge. February 17.

Surname usage

From Major General J. P. Crowdy

Sir, Surname usage certainly changes (letters, February 8, 13), more so perhaps in the past 30 years than in the previous 60; Holmes and Watson would have been mortified to address each other as Sherlock and John. More recently - in the Thirties - I shared a study at school with a boy whose first name I never knew; but we were firm friends.

As little as 30 years ago the Army made but small concession to familiarity. An excellent handbook, Service Writing, told us how to write DO (demi-official) letters to fellow officers: Dear Colonel Smith" for officers relatively unknown to the writer; "Dear Colonel" to those rather better known (or perhaps more senior) and finally "Dear Smith" for close acquaintance.

Yours faithfully, JOE CROWDY, Pepperdon Mine, Lustleigh, Newton Abbot, Devon. February 11.

From Mr R. W. Provan

Sir, The surname Blue, although not exactly common, is by no means unknown in this part of Scotland, there being 23 listed in the Clyde Coast telephone directory. There are, however, 248 Greens.

Considering the significance of these two colours in this part of the world, both on and off the football park, I will leave your readers to draw their own conclusions.

I was also surprised to find that, despite the Clyde's historic political reputation, there was not a single

Yours faithfully, ROBERT W. PROVAN. 37 Morrishill Drive. Beith, North Ayrshire. February 10.

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Bishop's choice of the Koran for Lent

From the Reverend Dr Alan C. Clifford

Sir. The decision by the Right Reverend Alan Smithson, Bishop of Jarrow, to suspend his Lenten Bible reading in favour of the Koran (report, February 14) is outrageous, Would Muslims tolerate the reading of the Bible instead of the Koran during

Ramadan? While the study of other faiths is useful in discouraging prejudice and hatred, no amount of scholarship can place the Koran in the same category as the Christian scriptures. The Bible contains all that is necessary for West-

em civilisation to rediscover its soul. A religion which is persecuting Christians in the Sudan and elsewhere, which demands tolerant treatment in the Western world while itself stipulating barbaric penalties for criminals, has little or nothing to teach those who value the Bible as the inspired Word of God.

Yours faithfully. ALAN C. CLIFFORD (Pastor, Norwich Reformed Church), 7 Woodside Park, Attleborough, Norfolk. February 14.

From Mr Karim Chowdhury

Sir, I congratulate the Bishop of Jarrow on taking up reading the Koran. I am sure he will find a better understanding of the teachings of Christ as the Koran relates many stories to the life of Jesus and his mother Mary (peace and blessing be upon them

He will also find that it provides a study of comparative religion: all aspects of religion, from polytheism to monotheism and the tenets of Judaism, Christianity and other faiths are discussed within the text.

However, I am surprised that he had never read the Koran before, given his position within the Church and the community, and given the influence and impact on the world from a faith that probably has the largest number of practising members.

I would strongly recommend the Church of England to take up study of the Koran and the teachings of Prophet Muhammed (peace and blessing be upon him), as they may learn something to reduce the growing tide of crime, teenage pregnancies and drug

abuse within this country. This might stop so many people leaving the Church of England.

Yours sincerely, KARIM CHOWDHURY,

64 Warren Street, WI. February 15.

From the Reverend Ian Russel Sir, I am encouraged by the Bishop of Jarrow's open-mindedness in his search for great spiritual truths and insights. I believe that reading the Koran is likely to be a beautiful

experience. By contrast the Reverend George Curry's comment - "Unfortunately we are living in a generation in which church leaders are giving the impression that all religions lead to God" - saddens me. It makes me wonder where these religions lead if not to God. I dislike the assumption that Christianity (with its many branches and internal disagreements)

is the sole custodian of the soul. My ears respond to the music of Monteverdi; my eyes to the medium of watercolour and to the style of the impressionists. But it does not make opera, oil on canvas or Cubism invalid. It is what makes my heart sing which is important for me; but what makes another's heart sing is also important

to me - for their sake. Yours sincerely. IAN RUSSELL (Pastor, New Jerusalem Church, 5 Quayside Close, Worsley, Manchester.

February 14. From Mr A. J. Bradley

Sir, "if the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle?" (I Corinthians xiv. 8).

Is it any wonder that the Church of England is facing a membership crisis when one of its leaders takes the bizarre decision to substitute the Koran for the Bible during Lent? Such action is certainly not the trumpet giving the clear call that a confused world is looking for, and so it will look elsewhere.

Yours faithfully, A. J. BRADLEY, 14 Greenhalgh Moss Lane. Tottington. Bury. Lancashire. February 14.

Pain and passion

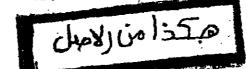
From Mr Claus von Bulow

Sir, Quentin Crewe (letter, February 15) wrote with customary scholarship about Mrs Beeton's passionate love for her husband Samuel, and his (Samuel's) contributions to the literature of discipline. Your caption to his letter was, understandably,

One is reminded of the passion felt for the late Doris Castlerosse by that curious duo, Cecil Beaton and Sir Alfred Beit, the poor lady being "beaten by Beaton and bitten by Beit".

Yours sincerely. CLAUS von BULOW. 109 Onslow Square, SW7. February 19.

"Beeton beaten".





COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 19: Commander Robert Marsh was received by The Queen upon relanquishing his appointment as Commander Royalty and Diplomatic Protection Department, Metropolitan Police, when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Commander of the Royal Victorian

His Excellency Professor Cyril Foray was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for the Republic of Sierra Leone in London. Mrs Foray was also received by

Her Majesty.
Sir John Coles (Permanent Underfor Foreign and sir Jonn Cotes (Permanent Under-secrator) of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present. The Duke of Edinburgh. Chan-cellor. University of Edinburgh, this evening attended a Dinner at the Playfair Library Hall, Old College. Edinburgh.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 19: Today is the Anniver-sary of the Birthday of The Duke of BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 19: The Princess Royal, Patron, the Butler Trust, this morn-ing visited Feltham Young Offender Institution and Remand Centre, Bedfour Road, Feltham, Middleser. Her Royal Highness later opened the new therapy pool at Meadow Wood School. Coldharbour Lane. Bushey, and was received by Mr Michael Coine (Deputy Lieutenant of

The Princess Royal, Patron, International Health Exchange, this after-noon attended the launch of the Code of Best Practice in the Management and Support of Aid Personnel at the

and support of Ald revisions and are Royal Society of Medicine. Wimpole Street, London WI. Her Royal Highness. British Knit-ting and Clothing Export Council, afterards visited Burro, Floral Street. Covent Garden, London WC2. Later, at Buckingham Palace. The

Princess Royal presented The Princess Royal Award for 1996 on behalf of the Royal Association of British
Dairy Farmers.
Her Royal Highness, Patron, British
Executive Service Overseas, this
evening attended a Reception at
Buckingham Palace.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

STJAMES'S PALACE Pebruary 19: The Prince of Wales, President. The Prince's Trust, this morning visited the Trust's Hackney Project. Gilpin Square. London ES. and not grant recipients and local residents.

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Trust, afterwards visited Shadwell Basin Project, Shadwell Pierhead, Glamis Road, London E., and gut Numb people on a statebal of

and met young people on a variety of water-based programmes. The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this afternoon visited Tower Hamlets College, Poplar High Street, London El, met students and community leaders and attended a seminar on development pro-

KENSINGTON PALACE February 19. Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel in Chief, the Royal Anglian Regiment, today received Brigadier Peregrine Rawlins as Deputy Colonel of the Regiment, also Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment, also Lieutenant-Colonel of the Regiment and Colonel of the

Simon Porter on assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion. ST JAMES'S PALACE February 19: The Duke of Kent. Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visites Ridley Bagels Limited, Dunhams Lane, Lenchworth, and was met on

arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Herdordshire (Mr Simon Bowes Lyon).

His Royal Highness this afternoon opened a new Electrox factory. The Business Park, Letchworth, and later presented The Queen's Award for Export Achievement to Laminar Medica Limited, Tring Industrial Estate, Tring, Hertfordshire.

Buckingham Palace

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will visit HMS St Vincent. Old Admiralty Building. Spring Garden, SWI, at 9.30.

Eton College

The following have won Music Awards in 1997:
Music Scholarships: Edward J. Bainton (Summer Fields), Kenan R. Burrows (The Pilgrims' School), Timothy J. Dickinson (Westminster Abbey Cholr School), John A. Haworth (Beechwood Park). Edward G.A. Lock (Si Paul's Cathedral Choir School), Nicholas J. Richardson (Westminster Abbey Choir School), Tristan F. Sherwood-Roberts [Scattellite). snerwood-Roberts (Scaliclitte), Edward M. Warrick (King's College School), David B.H. Winpenny (Ripon Cathedral Choir School).

Music Exhibitions: David S.J. Ellis (Eton College). Henry Harding-ham (Beaudesert Park). Andrew Grenfell (Caldicott), Bertrand A.T. Playle (Cumnor House), James P. School of Music). School of Musice Exhibitions: Rupert R.W. Syme (Suriningdale School), John G.P.G. Williams (St George's School, Windsor).

The following have won Music

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh yesterday held a lun-cheon party at Buckingham Paiace. The guests were:

Luncheon

ace. The guests were:
Professor of Susan Arrowsmith
(Professor of Law. University of
Wales), Mrs. Linda Jones (Chief
Probation Officer. Leicester
Probation Service), Mr Edward
Fox (actor), Mr Richard Fries
(Chief Charity Commissioner). Sir
Emest Harrison (chalirman, Racal
Electronics), Sir Graham Harr
(permanent secretary. Department of Health). Professor
Brian Heap (Visiting Senior
Fellow, School of Clinical
Medicine, Cambridge University)
and Mr Alan Robson (general
secretary, Confederation of
Shipbuilding and Engineering
Unions).

Earl Sondes

A Memorial Service for Earl Sondes will be held on Tuesday. February 25, 1997, at 3.30pm at St Michael's, Chester Square, London, SWI, Friends and those vishing to attend are welcome. Any enquiries to Strutt & Parker 01227 451123.



The risk from electricity is one of the dangers dramatically demonstrated to children in Hazard Alley

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labour and building materials donated free by local firms, But sponsors soon followed, including

big names like Shell, Volkswagen, Marks & Spencer. Coca-Cola, Schweppes and Anglia Television. The E500,000 centre was of-

ficially opened a year later by the

Duchess of Gloucester, and it has

now been entered for the 11th

annual Community Enterprise

Awards, part-sponsored by The Times. The annual running costs,

including the salaries of five full-

time employees are partly met by entrance fees and the rest by

Children usually visit the centre

in school groups of up to 70 at a time, the £2.50 entrance fee being met either by the schools or by

parents. The tour takes about two

hours and last year drew some 10,500 children and 1,500 adults

from as far afield as London.

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, has described Hazard

Alley as a superb example of an

Birmingham and Manchester.

AN educational centre to promote safety awareness among children might not seem a compelling reason for visiting an industrial estate on a cold, foggy winter morning. But the Hazard Alley Safety Centre in Milton Keynes, the first of its kind in Britain, is positively fun even for adults.

Instead of being lectured in classrooms, visitors are taken on a tour of a sort of film studio in which the various pitfalls of day-today modern life are graphically presented using lifesize sets. It starts in the home where the dangers range from kitchen equipment and electrical supplies to fire and burglary. From there it continues through

the garden (300,000 injuries a year), past a building site and a stretch of railway line, across the road to a petrol station forecourt, through a farm and a playground. beside a pond and electricity substation, while traffic noises and the sudden roor of a train emerging

BIRTHS: Adam Black, publisher, Edinburgh, 1784; Dame Marie Rambert, founder of the dance

company bearing her name, War-

DEATHS: Aurangzeb, Mogul em-

peror of India 1658-1707. Ahmednagar, 1707; Robert Peary, arctic explorer, Washington, 1920;

Sir Hugh Allen, musician, Oxford, 1946; Sir Leonard Woolley,

archaeologist, London, 1960; Percy Grainger, composer, White Plains,

Defeat of the Dutch fleet under

Admiral Van Tromp by Admiral Blake off Portsmouth, 1653.

Austria declared herself bankrupt,

The steeple of Chichester Cathe-

New York, 1961.

1811.

Anniversaries

background. There is even a dark. melling, litter-strewn alley of the kind to be decisively avoided when seeking a short cut.
The idea began with a police-led initiative in 1991 in the form of a summer "Junior Citizen" course

intended to make young people more safety-conscious and environmentally responsible. Al-though held in a disused, dirty building on a shoestring budget with no visual aids, it proved gratifyingly popular with both children and their parents. "We decided then that we needed a permanent display which could

attract children from a much wider area." John Simmonite, the centre manager, said. Help was sought from the police and fire services each of which agreed to second a member of staff to the project, and further support came from Milton Keynes council and the area health In June 1993 a large warehouse

was leased on the Kiln Farm Estate and work began using volunteer

dral was blown down, and the Crystal Palace was badly damaged during a great storm, 1861. Louis Mounthatten pointed last Viceroy of India, 1947.

John Glenn became the first

American to orbit the earth three

the Koyai

times in Friendship 7, 1962.

Horticultural Society Sir Simon Hornby has been re-Horticultural Society and Mr Martin Slocock re-elected Treasurer. Dr Valerie Payne and Mr Robin Williams have been elected to the Council of the Society. Captain Peter Erskine and Lady Skelmersdale have been re-elected.

vative approach to education". Birthdays today Mr Robert Altman, film director, 72: Mr Roy Beggs, MP, 61; Miss Brenda Blethyn, actress, 51; Mr

sponsorship.

Gordon Brown, MP, 46; Mr John Browne, group chief executive, British Petroleum Company, 49; Professor A.C. Fabian, astronomer, 49; Miss Ruth Gipps, conduc-tor and composer, 76; Mr Jimmy Greaves, broadcaster and footballer, 57. Mr Eddie Hemmings, cricke

48: Commandant Dame Marion Kettlewell, former director, WRNS, 83; Mr Roger Knapman, MF, 53; Mr Mike Leigh, dramatist and director, 54; Professor Donald Longmore, cardiac surgeon, 69; Lord McNally, 54; Miss Ella

Mona Mitchell, Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Alexandra, 59; Mr Phil Neal, footballer, 46: Mr David O'Dowd, former Chief Constable, Northamptonshire, 55; Sir Frederick Page, FRS, former chairman,

Aircraft Group, British Aer

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and Cornwall, and Mr Sim

Interest in starting similar projects has come from all over Britain, from Scotland and Wales to Kent

expects most regions to have their own centres within the next few

The 1996 Community Enterprise Awards are organised by Business

in the Community and sponsored by The Times and Deloitte Tou-che. The winners will be an-

nounced in late March.

Dr V. Payne, former Headmistress, Malvern Girls' College, 57: Mr Sidney Poitier, actor, 70: Vice-Admiral Sir Cameron Rusby, 71; Mr Bill Walker, MP, 68; Professor R.A. Weiss, former director, institute of Cancer Research, 57; Lady Wharton, 63; Mr Barry Wordsworth, conductor.

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Forthcoming marriages

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The engagement is announced between lake, elder son of Mr Hamish and Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, of Lochluichart, Rossshire, and Emma, younger daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Thorp.

Mr N.B. Cawley and Miss D.A. Stoker The engagement is announced between Nicholas Blair, only son of Mr Colin Featherstone Cawley and the late Mrs Nanette Anne Cawley, of St Clements, Jersey. and Deborah Anne, younger daughter of the late Mr Eric William Stoker and of Mrs Patricia Rachel Stoker, of Trinity.

Jarsey. Mr P.E.W. Harris and Miss O.L. Gorovala

The engagement is announced between Paul, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Harris, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, and Olga, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Leonty Gorovoy, of Kiev. Ukraine. Mr R.J. Pownall and Miss K.A. Pearson

The engagement is announced between Richard John, elder son of Brigadier and Mrs John Pownall, of Milland, West Sussex, and Karen Alyson, elder daughter of Mrs Ingrid Pearson, of Guiseley, Yorkshire, and the late Mr David Pearson.

THE TOUCH Mr A.T. Sayers and Miss J.C. Aitkens The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Sayers, of Chiswick, West London, and Joanna, daughter of Major and Mrs Peter Aitkens, of Esher, Surrey.

and Miss M.J. Prentis The engagement is announced hetween Cameron, elder son of Mr

and Mirs Robert W. Ruff, of Calgary. Canada, and Miranda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry B. Prentis, of Castle Hedingham, Essex. Mr W.del. Telfer-Smollett and Miss C.M. Butterfield

and Miss C.M. Butterness
The engagement is announced between William, only son of Mr Michael Telfer-Smollett and the late Mrs Telfer-Smollett, of Earls Court, London, and Carrie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Butterfield, of Alton, Hampshire. Mr M.I. Ware

and Miss K.M. Nott-Bower The engagement is announced between Maylin, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Ware, of Brant Broughton, Lincoln, and Kate, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Non-Bower, of Bedwyn Common, Wilshire. Mr O.J.J. Wynne and Miss K.E. Lewis

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr Willoughby Wynne, of Kensington, London, and Mrs Rosalind Wynne, of Knaresborough, York-shire, and Karen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Lewis, of The Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire.

Marriage

Dr C. Tadgell and Ludy Juliet de Chair and Lacy rimer of Chair
The marriage took place on Thursday, February 13, at the Court
House, Kealakekua, Hawaii, between Dr Christopher Tadgell and Lady Juliet de Chair.

Dinners

Mr Malcolm Rifleind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and monwealth Affairs, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government at I Carlton Gardens yesterday in honour of Mrs Madeleine Albright, American Secretary of State.

Lord Gregson Lord Gregson was the host at the annual dinner of the Parliamentary Group for Engineering Develop-ment held last night at the House of Lords. Mr Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, was the guest of honour and speaker. London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates

Canon Lord Pilkington of Oxenford was the guest speaker at the annual arts faculty dinner of the London Goodenaugh Trust for Overseas Graduates held last night at Mecklenburgh Square. Mr J.P.G. Wathen, governor, and Mr John McCready, deputy director, received the guests.

The Intellectual Property Lawyers Organisation The Intellectual Property Lawyers' Organisation held a dinner meeting at the Café Royal on Tuesday. ing at the Café Royal on Tuesday.
Papers on Arbitration and
Intellectual Property were given
by Mr Anthony Watson, QC, and
Mr Clive Thoras of Denton Hall.
Mr Francis Gurry of the World
Intellectual Property Organisation
was in the chair and welcomed by Lord Hoffmann.

Luncheons Association of European

Mr Paddy Ashdown, MP, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the British section of the Association of European Journalists held yes-terday at the St Ermin's Hotel, Mr Paul Hodgson, chairman, presided.

Securities Institute Sir Brian Pearse, Chairman of British Invisibles, was the principal guest at a luncheon of the Securities Institute held yesterday at Centurion House, Monument

Mr Graham Ross Russell, chairman, presided. Mr Daniel Hodson, Mr Charles Irby, Mr Michael Marks and Mr David Quysner were among the guests.

Lecture

Company of World Traders The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, introduced the 10th annual Tacitus Lecture, sponsored the London School of Fore Trade, last night at Guildhall. The lecture was deliverd to the Company of World Traders by Dr Heimut Sohmen, Chairman of World Wide Shipping Group, Hong Kong, Mr Jim G. Davis, Master of the Company of World Traders, Mr David Watt, Senior Warden, and Mr Peter Wildblood, Junior Warden, were among the

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BIRTHS BARNES - On February 5th at the Bassetlaw General Hospital, Worksop, to Stephen and Stefanie, a daughter, Hannah Jayne, a sister for Ruth, Cathy and Rosemary.

EDGE - On February 14th, to Violet (nee Vyner) and Richard, a son George Henry.

ORIEM - On February 15th at The Portland Hospital Allison and Matthew are proad to amounts the hirth of Sarab Emily. SYE - On 11th February, to Assury and David, a daughter, Chariotte Caroline, a sister for Bugo, Alica, Freya and Sall-

HOWCROFT - On February 18th, 20 Jadith (née Brett) and Faul, a daughter, Elinabeth Alice, a sister for Jessica and John. Dec Graries

LIVEOGSTORE - On February 14th 1997, to Gall and Feter, a son, Oliver Phillips, a brother for Sannel. NEVEL - On February 13th, to Louisz (née Eastgate) and Richard, a son, Charles janion.

O'COMMOR - On February 14th, to Shamp (née Kelly) and Miles, a beautiful daughter, Elizabeth Graco. ORIMEROO - On February Sth. to Teresa (née Nelson) and

PERRY - On February 15th 1997, to Rachel (née Downing) and Simon, a daughter, juitert Mary.

POWELL - On February 11th, to Katherine (née Tadbury) and Dominic, a son, Myles Edward Severn. ROTHSCHILD - On 17th February 1997 at University College Hospital, to Madeleine (née Ehran) and

SPHIGGS - On February 13th, to Katie (née Furiong) and Etimind, a daughter, Emma Alienn 13th at The Portland Respital, to Elles and

Robert, a beautiful daugi Sophie Tine Helena. DEATHS

ALLCOCK - Reverend Dovid, vatired Chaplain of Shrewabury School, died peacefully at his home in Betwey-Cood on 16th February 1997. Puseum to be haid at Shrewabury School Chapel on Monday 24th February at 11.30 mm. No flowers places. Donations if desired to The Stroke Association or Reitish Heart Foundation.

EARNG COLED - On February 14th in San Francisco, Shown (noe Collins), much loved mother of Lally and

BAMFORD - Peter on Pebruary
16th 1997 peacefully at
Eastbourne, aged 81.
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father of Eoger and James
and grandfather of
Charlotte, Andrew and
Jonathan. Service at
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BEDWELL - (Roshampton, London) suddenly in hospital on February 15th aged 84 years. Edward Farker Estbase (Toxy). Son of the late Ruby and Captain Harold Bedwell E.N. and husband of the late Alice Marie Jeanne (née Diab). Funeral Service on Wednesday 25th February at Putney Vale Crematorium at 20 am. Friends please meet at the crematorium. Enquiris to E. Lennet Son, Fepuiral Directors, tel: (0181) 788-2942. SEDWELL - (Rosbampton

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MIS - Hedley John of South Heath, Great Missenden, Bucks., pencefully on February 14th at the Florence Nightingale Hospios, Stoke Mandaville, aged 68 years, beloved husband of the late Andrey and much loved father of Traccy, Christine and Edith. Funeral Service at Chiltens Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks., on Monday 24th february at 230 pm.

GARDNER - Gavin Andrew on 16th February 1997 at home in Sevenosis, Lent, after a short illness sged 85 years. Loving husband of Este, father of Ian, Alastair, Catherine and Nicola, grandfather of Nicholes. Jonathen and Oliver. Funeral Service at the Charch of St. Peter and St. Faul, Seal on Toesday 25th February at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Domations to Cancer Research may be sent to Funeral Directors Welham Jones, 156 London Ecod, Sevenosis, Kent TN13 1DJ, (01732) 742400. GARDNER - Gayla Andrew on

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SCOTT - Arthur Finley, died suddenly on February 16th in his 90th year. He was well respected as reacher, lecturer, author and Headmaster of Kettering Grammar School from 1943-51; Senior Lecturer in English at Borough Road College, Isleworth - now Srunel University until his retirement in 1973. His many books are widely known to students all over the world. He will be sadly missed by his daughters jennifer and Christine, his grandchildren and close friends including his special carer Flaine. Frivate cremation at his own request. Cheepe donations for The Arthur Scott Memorial Prize Fund can be made out to: Brunel Telescott of the Prince of the Indian College of the Prince of the Indian College of the Prince of the Indian College of the Indian C

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e was less than five feet tall. shorter than Napoleon and not in the heroic cast of Mao Xedong. Yet Deng Xiaoping's unchallenged leadership of China after 1978 may leave a deeper mark than Mao's on a population representing a fifth of mankind. Deng was 74 before his chance came to propel China in a new and more promising direction. Yet he presided over the most ambitious and successful market and free enterprise reforms ever undertaken in a socialist country. He effectively saved the Chinese Communist Party from disintegration in the late 1970s when it faced a crisis of legitimacy in the wake of Mao's disastrous Cultural March of 1934-36. Revolution. And his reforms

later proved robust enough to survive the collapse of Communism in the Soviet Union. The turnaround was a spectacular political seachange from China's radical and isolationist stance during the time of Mao. Deng opened the door to Western visitors, technology and investment and promoted a mixed economy with considerable scope for market forces to develop. He attempted to heal and stabilise China, with the aim of putting it back on the course of economic progress from which it had been derailed by Mao's "Great Leap Forward" experiment of 1958 and the Cultural Deng gained a reputation

Revolution that began in 1966. But Deng's name is also stained with the blood shed at Tiananmen Square in June 1989, when he was seen as responsible for unleashing sol-diers on unarmed students demonstrating for democracy - at a cost perhaps of up to a thousand civilian lives. Traumatised by his own experiences during the Cultural Revoltion, what he feared above all else was chaos.

The students at Tiananmen may have brought back memories of those terrible years, but history will judge him harshly for allowing such a clumsy and brutal response to peaceful demonstrators. The leadership was in some confusion at that time, but in a recently-published collection of his speeches Deng discussed the military assault on Tiananmen saying, fortu-nately I was around to deal

revolutionary movement) in 1904 in Paifang in the traditionally rebellious province of Sichuan. He was the eldest son of a smallholding land-owner. Leaving home at 16, he never returned, going to France as a worker-student in 1920 and joining in 1924 the European branch of the Chi-

nese Communist Party. In 1926, after some months in Moscow, Deng returned to China eventually joining a guerrilla group in Guangoi province. This merged with the larger force associated with Mao. Deng built up extensive contacts as a political commissar during the Long

He was promoted to the party central committee at the seventh congress in 1945, and then fought in the civil war as political commissar in what became the Second Field Army. He played a leading role in the crucial battle of Huai-Hai before going on to lead armies against the Na-tionalists last strongholds in the Southwest. Early in Mao's new People's Republic, Deng became a vice-premier and finance minister in Zhou Enlai's cabinet, and in 1955 he was made party secretary general. The eighth party congress of 1956 saw him elevated to the Politburo standing com-

for toughness while carrying out the land reform programme in the 1950s, egging on peasants into killing landlords. But it was in Sino-Soviet affairs that he first became widely known abroad. He assisted Zhou's negotiations with Khrushchev in 1954 and visited Moscow in 1956. Mao later chose Deng to attend the fateful 20th Soviet Congress in Moscow in 1956 where Stalin was denounced. In 1957 he accompanied Mao to Moscow to argue with the Russians. Finally, in 1962 Deng led the last Chinese delegation to Moscow to see the dispute escalate into a complete break. Th Russians found him a

tough, unyielding opponent.
By 1956 Deng had become
exasperated by Mao's wayward economic policies. In the
rivalry that developed between Liu and Mao, Deng's sympathies were with Liu. This was

Deng was born Deng when Deng and Liu were Ziansheng the adopted the expelled from office in the name Xiaoping on joining the Cultural Revolution. Mao forced Deng in the late 1960s to work as a fitter in a tractor factry in Jiangsi province. Deng turned off his hearing aid during one meeting in which he was being criticised.

Not until April 1973 did he reappear in public life, at the urging of Zhou Enlai. Zhou needed Deng's drive to restore an economy badly damaged and a society utterly dispirited. Mao needed Deng's contacts in army circles to restore party authority over powerful regional commanders.

Gradually Deng climbed back to office as vice-premier and member of the central committee. But by 1974 the battle between the antagonists of the Cultural Revolution became an acute struggle for power. In 1975 fate once again brought him down, in September Premier Zhou's cancer worsened and he could no longer effectively defend Deng. After Zhou's death Mao named the little known Hua Guofeng to succeed him. When a demonstration in Beijing in April 1976, ostensi-bly in Zhou's memory, turned into a massive spontaneous show of disapproval for the Cultural Revolution and its aftermath, Deng was accused of being behind it. On Mao's authority he was stripped of all his posts.

eng had to wait for almost a year after Mao's death before being readmitted for the second time to the central committee and made a vice premier. His path was made easier when Hua Guo-feng's grandiose but unrealistic economic plans led in 1978 to unusable imports, excessive costs and hopeless waste. By December 1978 Deng was able to win a majority on the Polithuro and from then on appeared as the maker of China's policy. But opposition to Deng was still considerable. It derived from the many millions of cadres all over the country promoted during the Cultural Revolution.

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fortunes, he gained respect by allowing action to be taken against his own son for alleged corruption. He also cut back the army's numbers sharply, modernising it and trying to make it more professional.

The economic reforms, first introduced in the countryside and leading to the effective abolition of Mao's people's communes, brought early results in terms of bigger harvests. The mood at the 12th party congress in 1982 was more confident, and Deng was able to put reformists into more critical posts. But he could not persuade a small number of the old guard, especially the 85-year-old Ye Jianying, who had strong backing within the army, and who had misgivings about

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Doubts about the reforms came to a head in 1988, when the spectre of inflation once more loomed over China. Deng was not able to knock heads together in the leadership to achieve a genuine consensus, and so the party high command was left divided. When the choice had to be made whether to further the reforms or to go slow and safeguard party unity, Deng chose what at the time must have seemed the easier road, aligning himself with his blinkered fellow-octogenarians. As he tried to withdraw from public life in the late 1980s his balancing act be-came increasingly difficult. He achieved his summit with Mikhail Gorbachev in 1989, io nave ii publicity terms, by students calling for the glasnost he had consistently refused to permit.

One of Deng's dearest ambitions was to recover China's "lost" territories. But the apparent liberalism of Presidents Nixon and Carter in recognising China was followed by President Reagan's attachment to Taiwan. Deng nevertheless rejoiced in winning from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in 1984 an agreement for the return of sovereignty over Hong Kong

Deng introduced the phrase One Country, Two Systems" to depict both Hong Kong's envisaged role in China after 1997 and a more tolerant attitude towards Taiwan. He described the Basic Law for Hong Kong as an "historic event, not just for the present and for China but for all mankind." But he did not live to fulfil his dream of visiting Hong Kong after the 1997 retrocession, and saw China involved in bitter arguments with Britain over Governor Chris Patten's proposals for democratic reforms, which Deng steadfastly opposed.

He gave up his last formal post as chairman of the state Central Military Commission in late 1989, after which he appeared less and less in public. He continued, however, to exert influence, in January 1991 he sent a message to the party plenum urging the central committee to stop arguing about whether reforms

to get on with improving the economy. In January 1992, scotching any suspicion that his influence was waning, he inspected Shenzhen, the showpiece zone of capitalist-style reforms bordering Hong

Kong, and used the occasion to re-affirm China's promise to maintain Hong Kong's capi-talist system for a hundred years. Meanwhile the Chinese economy entered another period of boom with double digit growth recorded for both 1992 and 1993.

In October 1992 Deng made a 20-minute appearance after the end of the 14th party congress which endorsed his policies of economic pragmatism by labelling them, in a phrase he was credited with coining (to avoid conflict with ism with Chinese characteristics". But his hopes of leaving behind him a united group of rational and vigorous leaders. able to pursue the various reforms he had initiated, were not convincingly realised.

His first choice as secretary general, Hu Yaobang, had been prised out of his position because of widespread doubts about his impetuousness and immaturity and because he was blamed for excessive tolerance of student demonstra-

hao Ziyang, who was then promoted in his place, was , temperamentally more fitted to the prime minister's post. But his support for fast-track economic reform (as an alternative to bureaucratic fiscal retrenchment) brought him into conflict with the more conservative prime minister Li Peng. Deng held back from breaking the political stale-mate until Tiananmen brought matters to a head. In June 1989 Deng selected the middle-of-the-roader Jiang Zemin to succeed the disgraced Zhao Ziyang. but Jiang's position remained insecure.

Deng's reforms marked a new stage in China's painful struggle to adapt itself to international Western-led modernity. For two hundred years there have been cycles of Westernisation and isolationist reaction in China. What

made Deng's rule a watershed in Chinese history was his persistence in continuing China's opening to the outside world even under domestic criticism. His Jeadership achieved a decisive break with the arbitrary political terror and extremism of Mao. though marred by muchpublicised violations of the human rights of political dissidents. Deng was never a liberal.

Although he promoted lieutenants more liberal than himself to high posts, he himself stoutly defended the Communist Party's monopoly of power. His death brings to the surface deep uncertainties about China's political future and how the army, party and the new class of entrepreneurs will now share power. Some hoped that his eco-

nomic reforms would be accompanied by political freedoms. But Deng was opposed to importing Western political culture. He presided over periodic campaigns against spiritual pollution and bourgeois liberalisation. These often coincided with periods of economic retrenchment when inflation threatened the Chinese economy.

Deng was certainly not a liberal when Mao put him in charge of the Communists' first major crackdown on intellectuals during the Anti-Rightist Campaign in 1957. This purge followed the Hundred Flowers campaign when the party had encouraged the people to make open criticisms. The report Deng made to the Central Committee on the success of that Anti-Rightist campaign was never included in his published

collected speeches. Even a convinced liberal would have found it difficult to shift China quickly from the totalitarian habits of more than a millenium. Deng himself remained a practitioner of political authoritarianism and showed his true colours early in his "reign" when he suppressed the Democracy Wall movement in 1978 and imprisoned its leaders.

But then Deng was the manager of political forces which increasingly seemed to pull in opposite directions. He was unwilling to back his reformist proteges at crucial moments when the party elders banded together to put the brakes on reform. The frustration felt by younger reformers burst out into the open ar the time of t when a frustrated Secretary-General Zhao Ziyang confirmed to Gorbachev the open secret that all important decisions were still being referred to Deng. Deng's fury at this breach of party discipline showed that Zhao had hit a raw nerve.

There was also the vexed question of the intellectuals who for centuries formed China's ruling Mandarin class and are now needed more than ever for the modernization of the country. Since 1949 many of them have been in conflict with the Communist Party over the issue of how much criticism should be allowed and how far China should open itself to the Western world. After taking a battering under Mao, they were given a freer hand under

Deng. When Mao in his last years asked Deng what he thought would happen after his death. Deng replied that "all hell will break loose", meaning anarchy and a return to warlordism. When Mao died in 1976, Deng was almost the only surviving leader capable of curing China's malaise.

He had the political skills, backed by unrivalled civilian and military contacts and experience. Twice thrown out by Mao, he had twice recovered. And in Deng's final years some of the same fears of disorder, of provincial "eco-nomic warlords" increasingly defying a weakened centre, were being expressed.

The Chinese Communist Party had Mao to thank for the power it won in 1949 after 20 years of desperate struggle, and Mao's niche in national lore remains secure. But there is no question that millions of Chinese reaped tangible benefits from Deng's agricultural and industrial reforms in the 1980s and 1990s.

Deng's pragmatism was summed up in his famous observation: "What does it matter whether the cat is black or white, as long as it catches mice?" Mao is supposed to have charged once that, "Deng has never been a Marxist." No ideologue, he was a man who wanted to get things done, and was impatient of the inconclusive political campaigns and empty affirmations of Macism that had done so much to hold China back.

To the outside world, Deng. building on his pioneering appearance at the United Nations in New York in 1974, brought China back into the routine intercourse of international affairs, opening the country to visits by thousands of foreign tourists, scholars, iournalists and technicians who had been shut out before.

Time Magazine twice named him Man of the Year. Despite his peasant habit of spitting loudly into a spittoon, and his frequent abrasiveness. Western visitors liked his down-to-earth frankness and sense of fun. Kissinger however called him a "nasty little

China had long been aware of the importance of the Western world in the distance, but by 1978 it faced a much nearer group of advanced neighbouring "Confucian" economies (Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong) all of which had leapt to success while the "new" China stumbled over political boulders.

When he visited a Nissan factory in Japan in 1978 Deng said: Today I have learnt what modernisation is like," and he later urged his compatriots to "learn from the great. diligent, valiant and intelligent Japanese people."

eng was also struck by the economic achievements of the overseas Chinese. To Mao the overseas Chinese had been a political tool to spread Chinese-style revolution throughout East and Southeast Asia. Deng saw damage that this had done to China's image and interests abroad, and focussed instead on the overseas Chinese as a source of inspiration for economic reform and as a vast pool of potential investment in China. Realistic scrutiny of these success stories in Asia led Deng to conclude that China's opening to the outside world must be whole-hearted. China had to move towards a

market economy. In the end Deng went down as a man of remarkable flexibility who nevertheless lacked the vision or imagination to follow his policies through. with the sombre consequences that were seen in Tiananmen Square.

There is a whole generation in China which will remember him as an architect of economic progress but also as a man responsible for much political illiberalism - authoritarian to the end.

His first wife died; his second deserted him in 1933. Deng is survived by his third wife, Zhuo Lin, and five children. One son, Deng Zifang, is an American-trained physicist with the China International Trade and Investment Company in Hong Kong, while the other, Deng Pufang, was crip-pled in the Cultural Revolution and became a spokesman for charities and the disabled. There are three daughters, Deng Lin (an artist), Deng nan (a Vice-Minister and Party Central Committee member) and Deng Rong, his secretary and biographer.

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Mr. William Lloyd Murdoch was born at Sandhurst, Australia, on October 15, 1855. When but 23 years old he became known to the English

cricket-loving public as a member of the first Australian Eleven that visited this country, in 1878. The last really first-class match in which he played was in 1899, but his appearances were intermittent for after 1884 he dropped out of first-class cricket until 1890, when he again took command of the Australians in England. In 1893 he had qualified for Sussex, and played for that county until 1899. At various times in the 90s he also played for that most miscellaneous of all sides, London County.

If Charles Bannerman was the first Australia bassman who had in him absolutely first-class especity, his career was too short to qualify him to eapacity, his earlier was not snot to quality bin to be put on the same pedestal as Murdoch, whose grand batting fairly earned the place that can never be taken from him, that of the first great Colonial batsman The Australian Eleven of 1878 was good entirely by its howling. The batting, as might be expected, was rough and uncough, but magnice expected, was togot and national, but good judges of the game at once saw that in Murdoch's butting there was style. He scored largely against Lord Harris's Eleven in Australia, and in 1880 was made captain of the second

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W. L. Murdoch, who was described as the "first great Colonial batsman", not only captained Australia but also played many fine innings for Sussex.

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His first innings that made history was played at Kennington Oval in 1880, in the only Test Mauch of that year. The Australians covered themselves with glory by a magnificent uphill fight, and, although they were without their great bowler. Spolforth, were defeated only by five wickets. When Murdoch went in in the second innings. Australia attended to be in an absolutely. innings Australia appeared to be in an absolutely hopeless position, but, helped by the two last men. Murdoch played an absolutely faultless innings of 153 not out — an innings which, considering the circumstances, has never been surpassed. In 1882 and 1884 he was captain of the two finest elevens ever sent to this country by Australia, and was the best batsman in both; in

fact, during this period Murdoch as a batsman was only a little less great than W. G. Grace. In 1884 he made 21i in a match of huge scores at the Oval in the third Test Match. This was also a splendid innings, but not so good as his 153 in 1880 ... Murdoch came over a fifth time in 1890, when

he led a week Australian team. Turner and Ferris were the only bowlers they had, and they were lucky in finding a lean cricket year in England. Moreover, Murdoch could not be expected to show his old form after six years' absence from the game, and in addition he had put on weight very fast. Although between the years 1893 and 1900 he played many line innings for Sussex, he was by no means the same batsman as formerly.

Mr. Murdoch was a batsman of the strictly orthodox kind, for he did not habitually move in front of his wicket, neither did he pull. He was quite perfect on the off side both in the drive and cut, and he was also quick to jump out to slow bowling, which in these days is a lost art. He played with a perfectly straight bat, and he had line nerve. He came over originally as a reserve wicker-keeper, and was first rate in this also; but with Blackham in the various teams he was not wanted, and he gave it up entirely. As a captain he was good; but it is easy to manage great sides such as the Australian sides of 1852 and 1854, and he was not so pre-eminent in this as in batting. His exact place in the list of batting heroes is not easy to define. On hard, true wickets in his prime taked as general except for W. G. Green. he had no superior except Dr. W. G. Grace.

NEWS

China instability fears as Deng dies

Deng Xiaoping, whose two decades as paramount leader of China brought the country great economic reforms but also the horror of Tiananmen Square, has died at the age of 92.

A new leadership is already in place, headed by Deng's chosen successor Jiang Zemin, but transition in China is always fraught with potential danger. A hundred million peasants are on the move looking for work in cities, and there has been ethnic unrest in Zinjiang and Tibet Pages 1, 15, 19, 23,

Cloud over Hong Kong's future

Chairman Mao famously asked: "Who are our enemies and who are our friends?" That is the question now in Hong Kong. Short, medium, and long-term, Deng Xiaoping's death will rock Hong Kong to its core. The city's future suddenlyPage 1 clouds...

Clarke isolated

Kenneth Clarke was left isolated after Malcolm Rifkind broke the Cabinet truce on Europe and dedared that the Government was hostile to a European single _Page i currency

Churchill's £6 million

Winston Churchill, MP, who spent most of his life living in the shadow of his glamorous mother Pamela Harriman, was left £6.2 million in her will. He must share the estate with Minnie, his estranged wife

Jopling hurt

Michael Jopling, the former Agriculture Minister, was being treated for suspected back injuries after an accident at a Lords-Commons go-karting event in. Fulham, London

Paedophile ruling

A council won the right to refuse to re-house a convicted paedophile with a long history of assaults on children...... Page 5

Lottery outrage

Plans to allow the National Lottery jackpot to be won by overseas players and to enable people to play the game on their televisions provoked outrage.... Page 7

Time for books

Libraries should open during the evening and Sundays, according to the first government report on the service for more than 30Page 8

Inconvenience food

London Zoo keepers have started hiding the food of a Sumatran tiger and his mate to redevelop their predatory skills Page li

Damages curbed

Juries are to be limited to £50,000 when awarding exemplary damages to victims of unlawful arrest and police assault under new guidelines issued by the Appeal Page 12

Senna warning

Benetton and other leading Formula One teams will refuse to race in Italy if Frank Williams is convicted of the manslaughter of Ayrton Senna, an Italian motor racing manager said Page 14

EU ultimatum

Britain and the European Commission were condemned for mishandling the "mad cow" epidemic. The European Parliament gave Jacques Santer, the Commission President, nine months to reform the EU executive or face dismissal moves... ..., Page 14

Arms terror link Several countries hoping to join

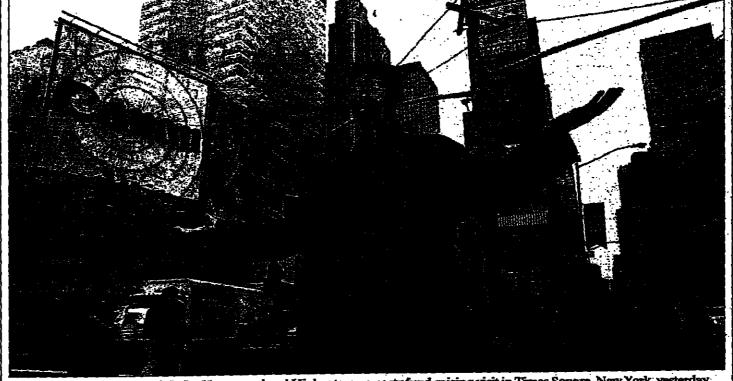
Nato have sold arms to regimes which sponsor terrorism, according to CIA documents Page 16

Stasi trial

Attempts to shield fugitive terrorists are likely to be exposed in a trial in Berlin of four former East German Stasi secret police

Microlight pilot mapped out mayhem

■ The pilot of a microlight aircraft which caused mayhem at Glasgow airport and disrupted several flights was hopelessly lost after folding his map the wrong way. Paisley Sheriff Court heard. Jaysukh Madhvani, 44, from New Barnet, Hertfordshire, said: "I, in effect, flew off my map." He has now qualified as an instructor. The court admonished him...Page 12



Glenda Jackson, Labour MP for Hampstead and Highgate, on a party fund-raising visit in Times Square, New York, yesterday

BUSINESS

Rail profit: Eversholt, the privatised rail leasing company. was sold to HSBC, the bank, for £727 million, making a £40 million profit for 60 employees Page 25

Sales rise: Retail sales rose surprisingly in January although economists attributed the rise to sales discounts on clothing Page 25

Sainsbury's hank: The supermarket group launched a banking joint venture with the Bank of Scotland. It will offer telephone banking, two credit cards and two savings

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 25.1 points to close at 4357.4. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 96.8 to 97.6 after a rise from \$1.6017 to \$1.6120 and from DM2.7085 to DM2.7306 __ Page 28

× SPORT Football: England's third repre-

sentative meeting against Italy in eight days, between a Serie B XI and a Nationwide League XI, ended in a 1-1 draw in Genoa .Page 45

Rugby union: Va'aiga Tuigamala. the former All Black, joined Newcastle from Wigan rugby league club on a five-year contract said to be worth in excess of £500,000 Page 48

Cricket: As England start a oneday series against New Zealand, they must realise that the benefits of a winning habit can be extended to this form of the game ... Page 44

Racing: The 21 jockeys who refused to ride at Haydock Park in October will learn today whether their halting of racing on safety grounds will be punished . Page 43

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and rather cold.

Charmless angel: John Travolta's charmed cinematic renaissance comes to a juddering halt with Page 35 Michael .

Backing a hunch: Two versions of The Hunchback of Notre Dame are out on video this week: Disney's cartoon of 1996, and the 1923 Lon: Chaney film____Page 36

Buffalo boys: Benedict Nightingale on a worthy revival of David Mamet's modern masterpiece about the ethics of business. American Buffalo, with fine acting and a subtle plot....Page 37

Present laughter: Sandra Bernhard flew in to appear at Leicester's Comedy Festival but her raw, reckless energy dissipated amid ill-focused bouts of sarcasm and blumted sature.

Waiting to pounce: Modelisers are men who have no interest in fashion - but an obsessive interest in top models Page 19

Dr Thomas Stuttaford on the hands-off or hands-on approach to prostate cancer; helping mothers with incontinence; a health drink that isn't quite wine Page 18

Discount holidays: The rise in sterling's value has led to increases of 25 per cent in spending power on European holidaysPage 41

Past treasures: Michael Levey on an Italian jewel: Madeleine Ginsburg looks back to the new look; Jeanette Winterson on an eccentric English poet.... Pages 38.39

It seems that the West is beginning to understand that in the confrontation between Nato and Russia someone is sooner or later going to have to give way. And that somene in not necessarily going to be Russia. Time, moreover - as the date of the Madrid summit draws orably closer - is playing into Most ness hands

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Preview: The spirit of Basil Fawlty pervades a chaotic comprehensive. Chalk (BBC1, 9.30pm). Review: Peter Barnard on the bare-bottomed cheek of Jonathan Meades....Page 47

Long Marcher

Deng Xiaoping's long career is a mirror held up to the turbulent history of China's Communist revolution

A proper scepticism

There is a world of difference between the "yes, if" to which Labour has been leaning and the "no. unless" that Mr Rifkind's hostility implies....Page 21

Raiders of lost legends If they really discover Atlantis in Bolivia, this may be a great day for the prehistorians and protoarchaeologists.....Page 21

38 30 50 WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Voters afraid of Britain becoming part of a European superstate are being served notice that they should not vote Labour. The Tories are becoming the anti-federalist party. which will accelerate the return of Conservative voters Page 20

MAGNUS LINKLATER

If Richard Branson is to rise to what he calls "the greatest challenge ever" and turn the West Coast line around, he will need the backing and, indeed, enthusiastic support of a future Labour Government. As one of the few genuinely popular capitalists around, he could just persuade the party that it would be worth their while_ Page 20

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The majority of the Cabinet is hostile to single currency, and does not mind the public knowing .. Page 13 JOHN BRYANT

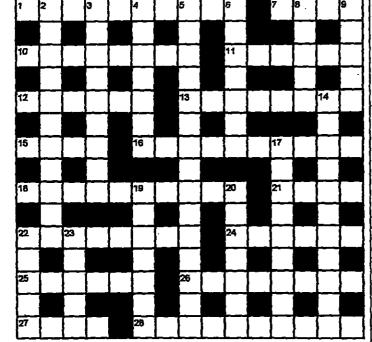
Mamo Wolde, who won the Olympic marathon in Mexico City in 1968, is about to set out on the last, and toughest, lap of the worst ordeal of his life

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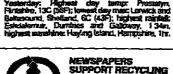
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outbreaks of rain spreading from west. Wind strong to gale force southwesterly. Max 9C (48F).

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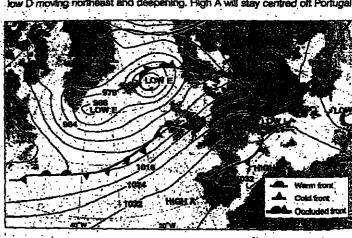
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Inquiry sought in fresh BR 'fat cats' row

Eversholt four gain over £40m from sale

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

FOUR directors of the Eversholt train leasing company hit the privatisation jackpot yesterday when they earned £42 million profit from the sale of the firm, sparking a new "fat cats" row over the break up of British Rail.

The four men became instant millionaires when Eversholt, owned by the Government until a £580 million management buyout in December 1995, was acquired by Forward Trust, a subsidiary of Midland Bank, for £726.5

The sale prompted demands from Labour for a Commons inquiry into the "cheap" sale of state assets during rail privatisation that had allowed ten managers to make total profits of £103 million.

The biggest single beneficia-ry of the sale is its managing director, Andrew Jukes, who will realise around £15.9 million from the £110,000 he

Bonham forgoes options

DEREK BONHAM, who is standing down as chief executive of Hanson to man of Energy Group when it demerges this weekend, is leaving behind share options with a negative value of £1 million.

He holds options over 3.2 million shares at subscription prices of between 90.1p and 128.2p. Yesterday Hanson's shares stood at 89.5p, giving the options a negative value of ELOI million. Iri Engerthardt, who runs Energy's US side, is leav-ing behind options with a negative value of £393,000.

At Energy Mr Bonham will be entitled to a bonus of up to two thirds of his £450,000 salary if he takes the bonus in shares, and can join the incentive plan offering a further 25 per cent of his salary after three years. He will also receive £150,000 a year as non executive chairman of Imperial Group, the tobaccompany demerged

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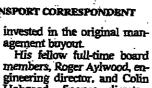
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Leicester fraud squad, John Hayes of Rothley, Leicester, who founded the Swithland Group in 1975, and David



Habgood, finance director. who is leaving the company, will make about £11.6 million each on their £80,000 investments. The fourth director, Peter Harper, a one day a week non-executive chairman. will retire with a £2.9 million return from his £19,800 investment.

The 66 Eversholt employees, a team of engineers, accountants and secretaries, who put in a total of £106,200, have yielded £15.3 million, an average of £230,000 each.

Four directors at the venture capital backers of the buyout, Stephen Curran, chief executive of Candover, Colin Buffin, a director of Candover, Hugh Mumford, managing director of Electra, and Robert Clark, a director of Electra, will share a total of around £600,000 per-

Mr Jukes, 50, a career Transport manager, said all the Eversholt directors had borrowed heavily to finance their investments in the management buyout, taking sub-stantial personal risks. He had taken out an £85,000 bank loan and would have had to sell his six-bedroomed Surrey house if the buyout had failed Mr Jukes, who drives a Volvo and whose main hobby is gardening, said he had no plans to give up his job or make big lifestyle changes.

He added: "I am not a man who planned to be wealthy. I shall be in work tom-orrow, and will continue doing that job."

During the year to end December. Eversholt made pre-tax profits of E122.9 million on turnover of £219.1

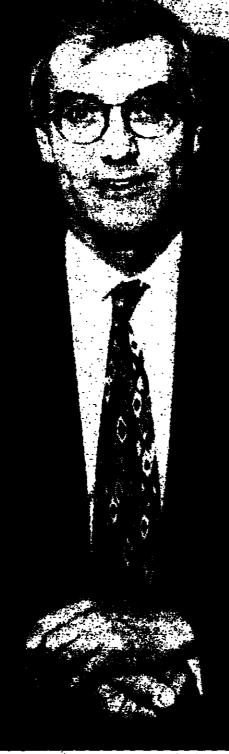
Andrew Smith, the Shadow Transport Secretary, said the profits from the sale "shows the commutation of privatisation excesses which the Tories have failed to stop and have failed even to condemn."

The furore comes months after the sale of the Porterbrook rolling stock leas-ing companies in which 50 former BR managers and staff shared an £80 million profits bonanza. Charterhouse merchant bank and other city backers of the deal stand to make around £500 million in total from the deal. Sandy Anderson, Porterbrook chairman, made £36 million.

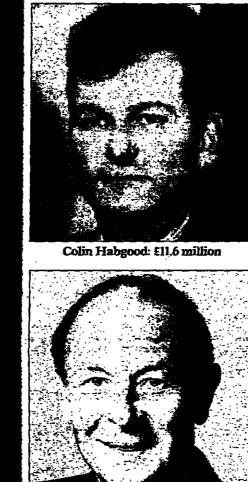
Car dealers convicted

of falsifying accounts

BY ROBERT MILLER



Andrew Jukes: £15.9 million



Roger Aytwood: £11.6 million

Peter Harper. £2.9 million

Money grows faster at Sainsbury's Bank

By Sarah Cunningham

J SAINSBURY, the supermarkets group, launched its bank yesterday with an instant access account that offers customers by far the best interest rate in the market.

The account will give 5.75 per cent gross, paid monthly or annually, on any sum from El. Money Facts said that similar accounts would pay that rate only on balances above £5,000.

Account-holders will get a Link cashcard and free phone banking. The bank is also offering a "Christmas Saver" account with 2.5 per cent interest and an annual bonus of 3 per cent, payable in cash or loyalty card points if no funds are withdrawn during the year. Sainsbury's Bank, which is owned 55 per cent by the supermarket group and 45 per cent by Bank of Scotland, opened for business vesterday at 244 Samsbury's branches in Scotland, the North of England and the Midlands. It will be rolled out nationally over

the next few months. Launched with the two sav-ings accounts and two credit cards, the bank intends to begin offering mortgages and personal loans in about three months. It will then look at offering current accounts, pen-

sions and Peps. Holders of Sainsbury's Classic and Gold Visa credit cards will be able to collect points on their Reward cards wherever they

kets, but they will get more points for using Sainsbury's. Card-holders will also get Reward points for transferring the balance from existing credit and store cards to Sainsbury's Bank credit cards. Rodger McArthur, chief executive, said that the bank would have start-up costs of £6 million this year. He expects it

to go into profit in its third

year. It is starting out with £15 million of share capital. All II million Reward Card holders will receive letters inviting them to join the bank "If we get 250,000 customers in the first 12 months we'd be doing pretty well," Mr McAr-thur said.

shop, even in rival supermar-City warned by Bank of peril in £1m bonus

By ROBERT MILLER, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

TWO men who ran a Midlands motor branches across the Midlands, more company that crashed with debts of at than 300 employees and selling up to 600 cars a week. least £25 million were yesterday found As the recession began to affect guilty of fraudulent trading at Oxford

Swithland's business in 1990 the group's finance department prepared two sets of management accounts. One was for internal use and the other was shown to outsiders to falsely present Swithland as a profitable business. The SFO said that acting on instruc-

tions "from above" Swithland employees systematically forged and tampered with records of every description, ranging from sales invoices and rental agreements to stock lists. Hayes and Sharratt used the falsified records to deceive bankers, mislead auditors and decrease their VAT

THE Bank of England is to issue a stark warning on the dangers of paying excessive £1 million-plus City bonuses to traders who could take excessive risks to secure their gener-

ous annual payouts.

The unprecedented warning will come early next month in an article by Daniel Davis, a Bank economist, written for the second issue of Financial Stability Review, a magazine published by the Bank.

. As The Times reported earlier this month, the Bank first became concerned about sharply rising bonuses in the Square Mile as far back as the

summer of 1995. With the direct backing of Eddie George, the Governor, the Bank commissioned Margaret Bray, an economist at the London School of Economics, to study the impact that different kinds of bonus structures have on traders' behaviour and the implications for the risk taken by the employer.

Senior sources at the Bank insist that it, as the statutory watchdog, will not intervene in the growing controversy about excessive City bonus

Nevertheless, next month's article is to serve as a warning to firms that they should supervise more closely the activities of their dealers and futures

brokers. The Bank will also ensure that companies are aware of the risks that they run with their capital should their trading strategies go badly wrong.

Sales spree helps retail spending to rebound

HIGH Street spending reboun-ded after a dismal December with consumers splashing out on bargains in the January sales. Retail sales increased 0.6 per cent — taking the annual growth rate to 4.6 per cent, its ughest level since March 1989. Economists said the sharp

rise, which was well above market expectations, would ensure that the Bank of England will maintain pressure for a base rate rise. Minutes from the January monetary meeting, which were also published yesterday, showed that Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, "strongly recommended" an immediate quarter-point rise and that the Bank felt a half-point rise would be needed "fairly soon".

The data helped the pound to make sharp gains on the foreign exchanges, reversing much of Tuesday's heavy losses. The pound closed up more than 2 plenings at DM2.7306, while it climbed just over a cent to \$1.6120. Sterling's tradeweighted index rose 0.8 to 97.6.

The retail sales figures were boosted by strong growth in purchases of clothing and footwear — up 1.5 per cent in January — and sales of household goods, which rose 0.7 per cent. Food sales also rose 0.5 per cent, continuing the upward trend of the past eight months.

discounting in the January sales and tough competition between supermarkets. Simon Briscoe, UK economist at Nikko Europe, said the figures showed that consumers were still looking for bargains and that there is no upward pressure on high street prices. The less volatile three-monthly fig-ures also suggest that high street spending is not acceler-ating out of control with growth registering 3.9 per cent — in line with the past two quarters. Over December and January retail sales actually

fell 0.2 per cent. Mr George repeated his advice to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, in the January monetary meeting that interest rates should rise, although his stance was less aggressive than in December, Mr George told the Commons Treasury Select Committee on Monday that there was a "pretty nar row difference" between the Bank's view on rates and Mr Clarke's.

But in the January minutes Mr George warned the Chancellor that if no move on rates was made, the Bank and the market would feel that it was falling rather clearly behind the game and taking risks with the inflation objective". The Chancellor held his ground at the time, arguing that the rising pound was keeping a lid on inflation, and that a rate increase might cause the pound to appreciate further. He also highlighted the weak levels of manufactur-

ing output, GDP growth and

producer price inflation. Data released yesterday in the US, meanwhile, showed while the trade gap has begun to grow. The consumer price index rose 0.1 per cent, below market expectations, because of a drop in food prices. The trade deficit in December widened to \$10.3 billion, from \$7.9 billion, as exports suffered from the rising dollar.

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Woolwich, the building society that is floating off on the stock market, may pay out bigger bonuses than expected. Profits last year rose from £333 million to £392 million.

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Action by Oxford Biomedica

Oxford Biomedica, the gene therapy company. is taking legal action against two investors whom it alleges failed to honour underwriting commitments given at the time of its flotation on the Alternative Investment Market.

The company has accused Stockton Trading, a Bahamas-based dealer and Kaj Kjellquist, a Swedish private investor, of failing to cover £1.15 million of the £6.15 million it first hoped to raise.

Oxford's shares were placed with institutions at 88p on the understanding that the full amount was underwritten. When the company admitted it had raised only £5 million, the shares opened at 42½p. They now trade at 50½p.

Institute post

Bernard Rickinson, a director of Bodycote International, the engineering company, is leaving to become chief executive of the Institute of Materials.

New pursuits

JKX Oil & Gas, the oil company with interests in the former Soviet Union, has parted with David Robson, a director. He is leaving to pursue private business interests in Eastern Europe and central

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Eastern promise: Jack Wilson, right, chairman of London Forfaiting Company, with Statis Papoutes, chief execureasonable credit risk had helped the trade finance group to increase its pre-tax profits 40 per cent to £38 million last year.

particularly strong area for LFC. Earnings per share rose from 19.2p to 27.0p; a final dividend of 7.5p, payable April 24, makes a year total of 11-2p.

R-R wins \$96m contract for US fighter jet engine

the Eurofighter engines. A spokesman said: "Several ROLLS-ROYCE was awarded a \$96 million contract from the US Government yesterday to hundred Eurofighters will be develop an engine for the Joint built but it is estimated that Strike Fighter (JSF), the \$170 more than 3.000 JSF aircraft billion strike aircraft for the

The contract is a significant success for the enginemaker in the doglight to secure work on what is likely to be the only new American fighter programme in the next 20 years. Rolls-Royce said the JSF development contract could result in work even more

LIS's hest-known companies.

Apple Computers and Reebok.

as being among America's top

ten financial underperformers

The annual list is used by

CALPers as the basis for

(Jason Nissé writes).

could be needed by 2030." The JSF engine programme would create thousands of jobs for technicians and engineers if the Rolls-Royce engine design was chosen by the US Government Currently, Boeing and Lock-

heed Martin, the main contractors developing the JSF, are using Pratt & Whitney engines for their prototypes.

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But Rolls-Royce is confident that its alternative engine stands a reasonable chance of displacing the Pratt & Whit-

Rolls-Royce is already cooperating with Boeing and Lockheed on the vertical infioff capability of the JSF. The aircraft will be able to take off like a helicopter, similar to the Harrier jump jet that also uses Rolls-Royce technology. The spokesman said: "The

new contract means that we now also have an involvement

CALPers says Apple has lost

market share in personal com-

puters through management's

lack of experience, and that the

Reebok shoe company's chiefs

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ating with GE Aircraft En-gines of the US and Allison, the American engine company owned by Rolls-Royce. The agreement to work together was struck last year and the JSF engine development programme will run for four years, with a follow-on option of another three years.

British Aerospace, the other large British aerospace company involved in the development of jump jets, is still looking to join Boeing or Lockheed after its own JSF bid was rejected by the US Government last vear

BAe is under no immediate pressure to make a decision on which bid to join. While Boeing and Lockheed are both courting BAC, the group is said to be more likely to choose Boeing in the wake of its with McDonnell Douglas, a former BAe part-Hawk training aircraft.

Market rise may boost Woolwich payouts

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

WOOLWICH savers and borrowers may enjoy larger than expected payouts when the society makes its stock market debut in early July. The rise in the stock market has boosted the estimated value of the aspiring bank to more than £3.4 billion, 8 per cent higher than the estimate made last

This could mean that the basic distribution of 450 free shares to be given to the 2.57 million qualifying Woolwich customers will be worth more than £900, against the earlier, estimate of £844, based on a mid-point price for the shares. In 1996, its last full year as a mutual before its conversion to a bank, the Woolwich raised its

profits 18 per cent to a record £392 million, aided by the recovery in the housing market. John Stewart, chief executive, reported that all divisions made money. Even the Woolwich's estate agency arm, established in 1987, finally made a profit of E2.5 million after years of losses. The profit figure excludes the society's conversion expenses which were £15 million in 1996. The total cost of the change of

status will be some £50 million. To take full advantage of the increased demand for mort gages, the Woolwich spent £83 million on cashbacks and discount offers to attract new borrowers. These incentives helped it to raise its share of new loans from 4.2 per cent to 7.6 per cent.

Air deal 'may force fares up

TRANSATIANTIC air fares could soar by up to 40 per cent unless British Airways and American Airlines are forced to give up hundreds of Heathrow landing slots in their proposed alliance, according to a study by the Consumer Association of America (Richand Thomson writes).

The study was published as talks between US and British. officials on an "open skies" agreement restarted in v ington vesterday. The CAA said that reduced transatlantic competition resulting from the alliance could cost travellers an extra \$500 million a

E BISINESS ROUNDUP

Labour pours scorn on Anglian job cuts

ANGLIAN WATER, which cut 300 jobs yesterday, was attacked by Labour for not delivering a better service to John Major, the Prime Minister. The utility, responsible for the water supply in his Huntingdon constituency, announced a restructuring programme intended to improve customer service. It is shedding a quarter of its 1,200 workforce and has set aside £20 million to pay for redundances.

Labour said the cuts were evidence that privatisation benefited companies but not customers. Ian McCarmey. Labour's employment spokesman, called the cuts "another disgraceful example of how privatisation of the utilities has benefited a few at the top, with staff and customer service

UK companies in top 30

FIVE British companies have been named among the world's 30 best stocks, as chosen by analysts worldwide for Goldman Sachs, the US investment bank. This compares with three from Japan and Switzerland and one from Germany. The five UK companies are Rass, BAT Industries, HSBC, Sema and Unilever. The companies were chosen for their long-term prospects and are expected to produce absolute returns of 20 per cent over the next year to 18 months.

MP attacks Halifax

DOUGLAS FRENCH, chairman of the Commons Building Society Group, has accused the Halifax Building Society. which plans to become a £10 billion bank this summer, of adopting a "morally indefensible" position over proposed bonus payouts for the elderly, widows and the disabled whose accounts are held in trust. He said that the Halifax's position in continuing to resist the principles set out in his Building Societies (Distributions) Bill was "untenable".

Rowell joins Celsis

JACK ROWELL England's rugby manager, has been named as chairman of Celsis International, the biotechnology company whose monitors detect contamination in foodstuffs. Mr Rowell, an accountant, will work 15 days a year as a non-executive and will be paid a basic salary of E20,000. He has been on the company's board for two years. Before that he was a director of Dalgety with responsibility for the Golden Wonder and Homepride divisions.

Shorts confirms jobs

SHORT BROTHERS, the Belfast planemaker, confirmed the creation of 1,000 jobs yesterday after the announcement by Bombardier, its parent company, that it had given the go-ahead for two new regional aircraft. Bombardier said it may become involved in larger passenger jet development in competition with Boeing and Airbus. Roy McNulty, Shorts chairman, said: "Our Bombardier aircraft business, since privatisation, has grown from nothing in 1989 to EI50 million a year now."

Black joins Sotheby's

CONRAD BLACK, the Hollinger chairman who made his fortune from The Daily Telegraph, yesterday joined the board of t the auchoneers. Mr Black Will serve as a memi of Sotheby's audit and compensation committee. His appointment comes shortly after Sotheby's launched an internal review into allegations that it smuggled art treasures into Britain from Italy. Sotheby's European arm admitted that the law had been broken and it suspended senior staff members.



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ONE of the supermarket Banking on convenience

bosses now expanding into financial services was walking through the luxurious marbled lobby of the bank he had hooked up with. "Nice offices, these," he mused. There must be a lot of money in banking."
Peter Eliwood, chief executive

of Lloyds TSB, returned the compliment last week, saying that Tesco, Virgin and Marks & Spencer "frighten me more than the bigger traditional banks because they have got superbrands and they are flect of foot".

If you are in a huminess where If you are in a business where

your profits come from deciding the right time to take a few pennies off the price of a can of beans, one which is structured to ensure you receive a margin must seem quite attractive. British banks are on a roll; the current reporting season will show that they made £10 billion between them last year.

There are four areas where the supermarkets are well po-sitioned to give them and other financial institutions nightmares. First, stores can act as middlemen for mortgage cus-tomers, passing on the business to whichever bank or lender they are linked with. Ditto insurance, with the option that stores can also act as intermediaries.

from credit cards, by chipping away at the usurious rates now being charged by Access, Visa and their like Finally, Virgin has shown how a well-known brand can make headway allied to an mexciting investment product. What is not clear is where the

consumer comes in. Mortgage and insurance brokers already exist to provide the best deal, but few people bother to shop around By going with your supermarkers bank, you are displaying the state blind loyalty as those who stack with the same building society all their lives. Lower rates on credit cards offer some savings, but only to those who use them as a form of long-

term borrowing rather than pay-ing them off every month. The main benefit is said to be convenience. How much more pleasant to sit in an office at your supermarket fixing up your fi-nances; the alternative is an identical office at your bank or building society. Hardly seems much different, does it, especially

There is money to be made as the latter visits tend to be oncein-a-decade affairs?

We are in danger of taking the food retailers' propaganda for granted, rather than looking at the real value to the consumers of their expropriation of the mar-gins previously taken by the banks and other financial

People are disenchanted with the banks, true. But super-markets can go through a bad patch, as anyone who has fol-lowed the affairs of J Sainsbury recently will know.

Sorrell's big bill for making amends

IT WOULD be easy to view Martin Sorrell as the fattest of fat cats. Mr Sorrell, the chief executive of WPP, the world's largest advertising and marketing company, has already bagged £2.9 million in free shares, and, assuming that the stock price remains above 230p until mid-March, will collect another £2.7



million of freebies. The third and fourth tranches of his incentive scheme could raise his winnings to £28 million by 1999, assuming that the shares surpass certain

trigger points.
The scheme may be enough to make even the most avaricious utility executive blush, but Mr Sorrell can take much of the credit for turning round the advertising industry's answer to the *Titania*. WPP, the owner of J Walter Thompson and Ogilvy & Mather, nearly went bust six years ago. A combination of deep recession, high debt and bad timing forced WPP shares down This left Mr Sorrell - respon-sible for this empire-building. but never lacking in self-confidence -with a challenge. He wrote himself an incentive scheme that, at the time, appeared nearly impossible to achieve, though not so impossible that it escaped criticism from some institutional shareholders. WPP's financial

results have indeed improved, dramatically so, and debt levels have shrunk. The shares, as a result, have climbed to the point that they could trigger Mr Sorrei's first payment and are about to hand him another. We would hate to rain on Mr Sorrell's victory parade, but a couple of things are worth bearing in mind. First, his incentive

scheme was approved in mid-1995, when the economies of western Europe and America, its main markets, were roaring back to life. Given such economic growth, only disastrous manage-ment would have prevented WPP

from clawing back some ground. Second, it may be premature to

land Mr Sorrell as a true turnround hero. The shares were above 600p in 1989, before it all fell apart. His rich reward has come from repairing some, but a long way from all, the damage that his earlier actions did to shareholder value.

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Public check on Barings

MEET the new Barings — a bit like the old Barings. There was little more than a dull twitch when the bank was prodded through the bars of its cage on London Wall last night about the latest ruling from the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers.

Barings had been found guilty of a serious failure over a period of two months to obey the requirements of the Takeover Code, more through torpor, it would seem, than any degree of malice. The Panel handed out a public thrashing, and the beast turned round and went back to sleep again.

The matter concerned Applied Distribution, a food distributor whose dull name disguises a deeply boring nature that no one has become especially excited over before. Applied shares were idling at little more than 20p before Christmas but had nearly doubled by the end of December. The Code requires the Panel to be notified if, following a possible bid approach, the shares see an untoward rise, that rise being defined as 10 per cent. This Barings failed to do, even though various approaches had been received early in December.

While there is no actual evidence of a leak, it is pretty clear that someone either dealt or attempted to deal in the shares. That is not a matter for the Panel. and it has little to do with Barings either - the bank is merely being criticised for failing to keep in touch. But shares like this do not move without reason.

Do not expect much criminal action from the Stock Exchange or the other authorities for any insider dealing. Shares that do not rise in anticipation of a bid approach are the exception, not the rule. For its part the Panel is restricted to public criticism. But such action can hurt more than financial penalties. It does not do the client list any favours.

Takeover Panel gives Barings a reprimand

THE Takeover Panel yesterday reprimanded Barings, the merchant bank, for its conduct as adviser to Applied Distribution, a small warehousing and warning.

logistics company.

The panel also expressed concern about a leak of pricesensitive information about bid approaches made to the company (See Pennington,

this page).
Barings is criticised for not consulting the panel on two occasions when Applied Distribution's share price moved sharply and a statement about takeover approaches would have been appropriate under

for comment. The approaches Barings has put forward vari-were made in early December, ous market explanations for a month after Applied Distri-bution had issued a profits

The warning sent its shares tumbling from 622p to a low of 212p on December 18. But they then railied in heavy trading to 40p by the end of the month and to 462p on January 30.

The panel said yesterday: The executive is naturally concerned that these price increases may have resulted from a leak in relation to the approaches received by App-lied Distribution although the takeover code. Barings there was no speculation failed to respond to a request about this in the media."

the share price movement. The panel said: "These factors might constitute a plausible explanation, but it has not itself conducted an investigation into the dealings over this period." It would be up to the Stock Exchange or the Department of Trade and Industry to investigate possible leaks of

price-sensitive information. Applied Distribution finally announced that it had received the approaches after the close of trading on January 31. During that day, its share price rose more than 30 per cent. This took it above the level being offered by the

potential bidders. The panel said: "The failure to consult the executive in the period up to January 30, and also during the morning of January 31, and the delay in issuing the announcements on January 31 were breaches of the code for which Barings is held primarily responsible."
It said it wanted to

emphasise the importance of the rule under which a share price movement of 10 per cent should be regarded as "untoward and grounds for considering making an announcement. If the company and its advisers do not want to make an announcement, they should still consult the panel."

Bookings up, losses down at Airtours

AIRTOURS, the second largest tour operator, said yesterday its summer bookings are up by 45 per cent and it has cut its seasonal loss by more than a third (Marianne Curphey writes). The pre-tax loss for the three months to December 31 was down from £18 million to £12 million. This included £1 million start-up costs for the summer programme of Sunquest Holi-

days in California. David Crossland, chairman, said the rate of increase in bookings would level off over the year because of capacity constraints.

Shares in Airtours, which had risen earlier in the week on bid ramours, fell 62p to

WPP shares hit by profit-taking

SHARES of WPP fell yesterday, but not far enough to jeopardise the £2.7 million bonus payments of Martin Sorrell, the chief executive (See Pennington, this page).

The shares of the advertising and marketing group closed at 252p, down 15p. Analysts said that the fall was because of profit-taking. The shares had climbed by about 10 per cent in recent weeks, on the expectation of strong fi-

nancial results. Mr Sorrell can collect the £2.7 million in free shares if the share price remains above 230p for 60 trading days. They broke though that level in mid-December and are on course to remain there until the March 14 trigger date.

top end of City forecasts. In the year to the December 31, pretax profits climbed 35 per cent to £153.3 million, on turnover that rose 8 per cent to £7.1 billion. Earnings per share went from 9.1p to 13.3p and net debt declined 32 per cent to E145 million.

The company said that it would make £25 million available for share buybacks in the open market. The amount represents less than 2 per cent of the share capital, but the company said that a greater amount would result in an advance corporation tax write-off. Mr Sorrell would not say when the buybacks were likely

to happen. The final dividend of 1.144p. to be paid on July 14, raises the total to 1.7p, up 32 per cent. WPP delivered profits at the

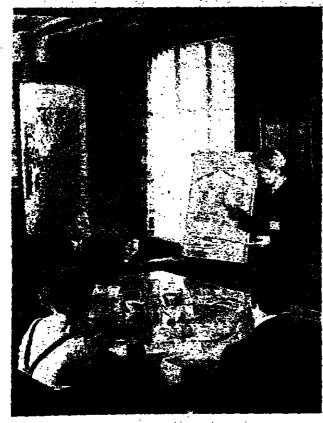
Egypt Gas set to make AMEC £30m

AMEC, the construction group, is set to make a £30 million profit from the imminent sale of its 20 per cent stake in Egypt Gas, set up to maintain the gas distribution system in Cairo (Paul Durman writes).

AMEC acquired its interest in Egypt Gas after installing the Cairo gas system in the early 1980s. The stake is valued at £4.3 million, but will be sold to a consortium of institutional investors for £38.1 million in cash. An announcement is expected today.

Egypt Gas made profits of E3.3 million in 1995 on turnover fo £32.7 million. However, AMEC's 1995 profits only included E200,000 of dividends from Egypt Gas.

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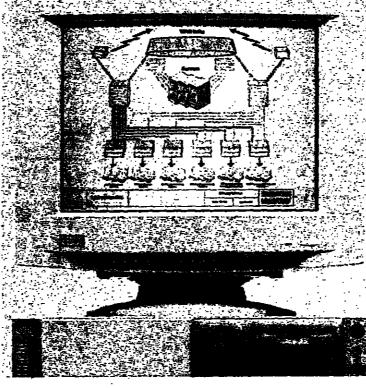


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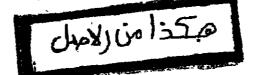
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SB leads way as shares close at another high

A BUSY trading session saw the London market close at a record high yesterday after the overnight high on Wall Street. More than £5 billion flowed into the market to push the FT-SE 100 index 25.1 points higher to close at 4,357.4.

City dealers are expecting further progress, in spite of a weaker opening on Wall Street

yesterday afternoon.

Drugs were back in the thick of the activity as the market gave further consideration to the lo per cent rise in profits announced on Tuesday by SmithKline Beecham.

Positive talk from brokers helped the stock to move up sharply, leading the FT-SE 100 with a rise of more than 5 per cent to 94ip, a gain of 462p. and comfortably ahead of its previous high of 894.5p.

Others in the sector followed suit with Glazo gaining 25p to £10.50, while Medeva added 3½p to 283½p after announcing better than expected results, with operating profits of £105 million and the total dividend increased to 4.8p.

Tobacco groups advanced on hopes that a number of lawsuits in the US might soon be settled. BAT moved up 172p to 5452p, helped by speculation regarding a demerger of its financial interests, while Imperial Tobacco gained 10½ p to 430p.

United Biscuits, the pizzas to prawns food group, continued to attract attention, moving up 4p to 237 p. Unilever. the Anglo-Dutch group, set to boost its coffers with the sale of its speciality chemicals businesses, slid back from early gains to end at £15.932, down

Profit-taking and disap-pointment with the scale of the £25 million share buy-back knocked shares in WPP, the media group, 15p lower to 252p. The group, where Martin Sorrell is heading for a record bonus, delivered a 35 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £153.3 million. with the final dividend increased 32 per cent to 1.144p.

Vodafone tuned into further gains, rising 10p to 299p on the back of positive comment, though rival mobile phone group Orange slipped 4p to 2112p. Cable and Wireless added 7p to 50512p after Mercury, its subsidiary, won a £48 million contract to supply

Rentokil fell 74p to 4734 while Booker, the food group, was also unwanted, drifting



Martin Sorrell, of WPP, saw the shares slide 15p to 252p

712p lower to 356p. Courtaulds, the chemicals group dipped 5½p to 370p, on whispers of lower demand for acrylic fibre, one of its key products.

Lower than expected restructuring costs at Anglian Water helped to buoy the shares, which added 9p to 639p. The water group is making a provision of £20

3½p to 528p.

Advanced Power rang alarm bells among electronic component manufacturers after delivering a shock profit

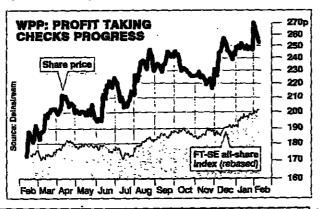
Whispers of takeover talk sent shares in Yorkshire Television scurrying ahead to notch up a 55p gain to 1,1522p. TV and film group Winchester Multimedia was also in demand. The AIMquoted stock added 72p to a new high of 70p after selling programmes to the US.

million and plans to shed up to 300 jobs.

Shares in HSBC, the banking group, dipped 3p to E15.54's after Forward Trust, a subsidiary, announced the E727 million acquisition of Eversholt Leasing, the train leasing company privatised in

Elsewhere in the banking sector Barclays was dogged by bears and in spite of mixed sank 13p to 46½ p.

cheered 8p higher to 845p, while EMI Group, with results due next week, continued its recent strong form adding



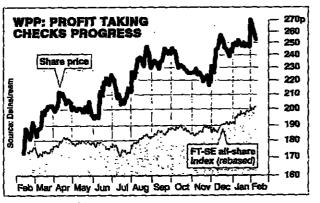
executive. one third to £12.1 million.

response from brokers saw its shares slide 18p to £11.11, while Royal Bank of Scotland moved up 13p to 629p as buyers switched from Barclays. Lloyds TSB was also in demand moving up

warning, just three months after floating. Its shares, launched at 70p in November.

General Accident 23n to E12.44.

Rolls-Royce, the aero engine group, moved up 4p to 225p after winning a share in a



programme. Weak crude prices took the sheen off BP, which dropped 2½p to 684p, with Shell also off, down 9p to £10.79½. JKX Oil & Gas held steady at 91 2 p in spite of the surprise resigna-tion of Dr David Robson, chief

Airtours dipped 5p to 9712 p after profit-taking. A reduction in capacity last summer helped the holiday group to reduce first-quarter losses by

London Forfaiting, the finance group, leapt 30'p to 388p after better than expected results prompted analysts to upgrade forecasts. Pre-tax profits for 1996 jumped 40 per

cent to E37.95 million. Shares in Scottish & Newcastie fell back to 669p, down op, after the DTI ruling that will allow inntrepreneur. the pub group, to buy been from suppliers other then S&N. Bass added 9p to 866p while Grand Metropolitan. part owner of the pub group. was unchanged at 4592 p.

The launch of the J Sainsbury new banking service failed to excite much interest with shares just edging ahead by 2p to 316p, while Tesos added 32p to 3472p.

The £54 million acquisition by FirstBus of fellow operator CentreWest lifted its shares 5½p tp 240p, while lower profits from Porvair, chemicals group, knocked its shares 20p lower to 250p. Centrica the retail arm of

British Gas saw a late flurry of activity with more than 33 million shares changing hands. The shares after treading water for most of the day then added 3p to 6612p, while BG, the exploration and distribution business also moved up adding 2½p to 178½p.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Retail sales figures for January failed to check morning trading in

the gilts market. Prices how-European markets during the afternoon. At the close, the gilt future was down £932 at Ell3932. Treasury 8 per cent 2000 ended £232 lower at £104732 while 8 per cent 2015 slid £1232 to £1062932. January inflation figures

failed to ignite a rally in the bond market and in shares the banking sector came in for some profit-taking. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 7.69 points lower at

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A fistful of sand

FILLING your boots with sand, gravel and cement sounds like a counsel of despair, but it could just be good investment advice. Over the past year, the building materials sector has drifted downwards. The lighter end, including Caradon, the sink maker, has done well as investors anticipate the housing market pick-up. But the laggards include Tarmac, Bardon and Camas; aggregates producers have dredged the bottom of the sector because of gloom about road-building.

However, there are signs of change in the fortunes of heavy-end materials producers and the process could start with cement price increases. Blue Circle is expected to ask in the spring for an 8 per cent price increase for bulk cement; while the full amount may not stick. the omens look good and the knock-on effect of higher prices should flow through to concrete

and aggregates. The latter commodity has suffered; the recession caused a scramble for volume as businesses pursued cash to keep solvent. The result was a price collapse, with quarry owners selling resources below cost.

That cannot continue, not least because there is little prospect of new quarries obtaining planning permission. The recession and anticipation of a shortage of reserves has led to a scramble for assets, such as RMC's takeover of Hargreaves and Minorco's pur-

chase of Tilcon for an 80 per cent premium to net assets. Materials producers have learnt their lesson from the recession; production is running at about 85 per cent of capacity, but after a spate of deals and asset swaps there is no reason to chase volume. Complaints from building contractors about prices only confirm that the bad times are over.

bly saved more lives. Like-What has gone wrong? The product works and sales of Ell million are expected this year, with profits in 1998, but

as opposed to biotech Penicillin is more sexy

than a sewage system, even though the latter has proba-

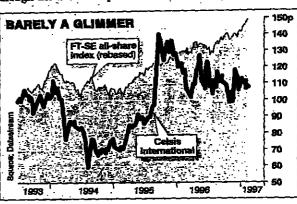
it uses the enzyme that causes firellies to glow in order to test for microorganisms in food, and toiletries. The system takes only 24 hours, compared with a

week for conventional tests. Celsis makes the agents that sell for about £1.20 each and the company reckons there is demand for billions. But Celsis has yet to pro-

duce a profit and its shares, floated at 100p in 1993, were trading yesterday at 106p.

wise, miracle cancer cures (no matter how dubious) achieve better share ratings than kits that screen for the slow progress merely reflects the marketing probcontamination. Moreover. Celsis is selling its product to lems that plague diagnostic cost-conscious and conservative manufacturers, not doctors with tearful patients. Celsis will have its day but

do not expect fireworks.



CALPers

Celsis

OBSESSIVE concern with

health, rumours of great

plagues and food contamina-

tion scares should be music

to the ears of Celsis Interna-tional. Unfortunately, public

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to improve the performance

of Celsis, which makes diag-

nostic systems that identify

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HERMES. Standard Life and the Prudential may sound off about corporate governance, but their efforts. look timid compared to CALPers, the large and pugnacious Californian state pension fund. By ordering Reebok to get its skates on, and by telling Apple and Novell that they are no longer PC, they have sig-nalled to the US investment industry that these companies have failed to deliver.

year CALPers announces its top ten list and it is not a club anyone aspires to join. Members are deemed to be underperforming and have incurred the wrath of CALPers, which then dispatches missives on their performance and against the directors at share-

Compared with such public humiliation, the "behind ferred by British institutions looks feeble, a gentle chiding

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that directors can safely ignore. CALPers argues that by pointing the finger, it makes companies perform. claiming that once they are targeted, the stock price grows ahead of the S&P 500 index. The lash of CALPers does not always work: three of last year's targets - Stride Rite. Bassett Furniture and Rollins Environmental Services - are included in this vear's list

Porvair

PORVAIR is confident that the slow puncture in its business can quickly be repaired. After six years of solid growth, the manufacturer of football skins and waterproofing materials is writing off 1996 as a blip:

Profits are expected to bounce back this year. However, given the amount of bad news it has doled out recently, there are still plenty of reasons to be sceptical. Its newfound exposure to the aluminium sector, via an ac-

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quisition of a metals filter producer, has delivered an unwelcome presence in a market yet to show any convincing signs of recovery.

Its debt pile is also worry-

ing. At £6.8 million, the interest on its borrowings will combine with higher tax charges to hold back any growth planned for this year. Yet it is still spending some E4 million to pump up its American operations, currently enjoying an upturn that may not last forever.

While things can only get better for Porvair, the tion is how much can they improve. True, its fundamental attractions remain: its microporous technology has applications in a range of growing markets.

At 250p the company is trading on a ratio of 14 times. which puts it on a par with the sector. Until there are more solid signs of recovery, this is a generous rating for what is still a recovery stock.

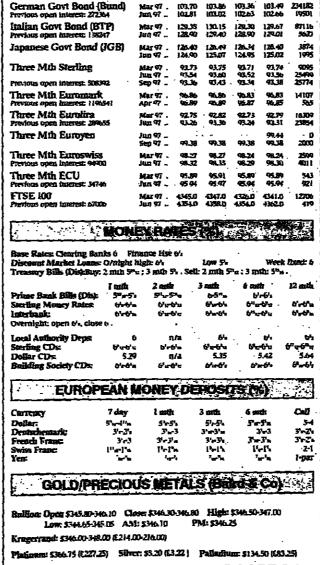
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How to stav happy and fat

KENNETH CLARKE apparently has no intentions of emulating Lord Lawson of Blaby if his sojourn in H Downing Street ends come election time. He takes as his model Sir Edward Heath, in more senses than one.

First, he wants to remain a politician, representing his constituents in the House of Commons for as long as they want him. Secondly, he intends, like Sir Edward, to remain a heavyweight. No Lawson wonder diet for him. Ken Clarke says that men over 50 have a choice between being happy and fat or thin and miserable and he prefers the former.

Think bank

IN THE on-going copper scandal it is Sumitomo Corporation, in which Sumitimo Bank has a tiny stake, that is covered with embarrassment over the expensive antics of Yastoo Hamanaka, its former chief copper trader currently standing trial in Japan. Both were part of the ancient House of Sumitomo until 1945, but were subsequently demerged by the Allies. As Shunichi Okuyama, Sumitomo Bank's managing director, explained yesterday: "We have never employed Yasuo Hamanaka and when you think of us think bank, bank, bank, not corporation." Got the

UNDETERRED by the announcement on Tuesday that four of its directors are to leave, Shandwick is going ahead with its April shindig. Richard Sermon, chairman of the City PR firm, will hold the fort at the party that promises to Banish the Winter Blues". Chris Matthews former chief executive, is not expected to be there.



MA STREET

Hands on

AFTER five years following the company, Dick Barfield has been appointed a non-executive director of Quintain Estates & Development. Having belped to set up the property company in 1992, in his former role as chief investment manager of Standard Life, the director of the London Stock Exchange has committed himself to one day a month for a princely sum of £20,000 a year.

MAX DOLDING added Souther medal to his collection yesterday. The James Capel analyst has been crowned Cancer Research Campaign's "Supporter of the Year". After seven marathons, he has already raised £116,000 for the campaign. On April 13, along with 19 colleagues, he will be running the London Mara-thon in honour of Tim Bates, a colleague who died of cancer last year.

One of the best

WELL DONE Tilney Securities. The fast-moving agency broker, based in London and Liverpool. this week added its fourth new company brokership in five days, vaulting it into the top ten of corpo-rate brokers. VHE Holdings comes after Hunters Manley, the printer. An thew Sykes, the engineer, and John Maunders, the builder, taking CTS through the 70 pic mark.

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Urope's Court of Human Rights ves terday permitted Britain, arrang other states that signed the European terday permitted Britain, along with ... Convention, to make it illegal for sadomasochists to torture each other. This was described as "landmark judgment". It seems a pragmatic one from a court that knows it cannot afford to amagonise most of the

people most of the time. As usual, the court did what the Human Rights Commission recommended. But that was a close-run thing. A minority of 7 to 11 thought the British state was illegally interfering with the chaps' human right to privacy and must stop. Another year, the minority could easily have been the majority. A crude reading of the Convention suggests their case was better-lounded than the winning argument, which conveniently ruled that being tortured for "pleasure" was a public health matter.

Human rights rules are meant to override transient democratic populism. This case, like many others, merely shows that any rules written by fallible human beings will be determined by the concerns, climate and intellectual consensus of the day. They are not universally agreed, let alone true. Europe's Convention, for instance, does not uphold social "rights" in the UN declaration, including the right to work, the right to social security and the right of the family as an institution to state protection.

Postwar sages were anxious to stop their countries ever again sliding into fascist totalitarianism. They may not have envisaged upholding the right to deny that the

Even Europe's economic truth will not hold for ever

ensuing Holocaust ever happened, let alone the nastier activities of perverus.

This human rights regime, though unconnected to the European Union, is unfortunately a paradigm for key EU institutions. They were drawn up by a liberal establishment to answer fundamental issues of the day. They are virtually immune from democratic change, to a worse extent than America's constitution. They are run by people appointed by the same establishment. Often, they are barely accountable, like state industries or quangos.

That is why Britain's debate over economic and monetary union is sterile. It is conducted in terms of economics but overshadowed by political arguments over drawing lines in the sand to stem the tide of

As Lord Alexander of Weedon noted in a recent persuasive lecture, the governing political and business classes of continental countries are determined to achieve monetary union, and achieve it on time. Were it not for the sovereignty issue, British big business would be just as keen on a single currency, enthusiasm having grown apace since sterling recovered most of its 1992



devaluation. A single currency would cut the cost of risk and make life simpler. Although the euro will reflect the average strength of its member economies, rather than the 1960s-1980s strength of the mark, long-term interest rates would carry less risk premium than on currencies with a chequered past.

If the European central bank does its job on inflation, and member economies keep to the rules on public finance, big business would not need flexible national interest and exchange rates. This is just as well. The Thatcher revolution of the 1980s, which

reformed British industry via a deep, sustained, albeit unintentional slump, could no more be attempted than the Attlee government's postwar programme.

Multinationals, and most corner shops. want consensus for its own sake. For politicians, it is a useful second best. President Mitterrand started the drive for monetary union because he blamed the Bundesbank for the failure of France's socialist policies. Britain's Labour party was converted to the liberal consensus of the EU

to control Thatcherism. If change becomes so difficult, however, then the start-up detail becomes more important for business than for visionaries such as Chancellor Kohl. If Britain adopted a euro parity with sterling as strong as it is today, the economy would suffer as badly as it did in the exchange rate mechanism.

The pound is buoyed up artificially by interest rate expectations, in this case due to the state of the cycle. Having missed out the ERM phase, there is no guarantee that markets would adjust a floating pound's value in the short time between taking a decision and freezing parities. If France and Germany subsequently cut social security taxes on employers, as seems likely, they would effectively devalue against British goods. State pension dilemmas on the Continent could force interest rates up.

Such issues merely illustrate that the statutes of an independent, and therefore unaccountable, European central bank can no more foresee the future than the Convention on Human Rights. Sensible economic policy is even less universally and eternally true. Private enterprise and sound money have a long track record but policy techniques and needs change. The EMU regime reflects today's orthodoxy. Yet Japan, which was served well by such orthodoxy, is now urged to keep a big budget deficit to meet new conditions.

This would not matter if institutions and agendas could be changed. Sceptics assume, with good reason, that the European central bank will become as much a prisoner of its own culture as the Commission on Human Rights. As a dedicated bureaucracy, it will also accumulate powers and regulations over financial markets and public finance to reinforce its idees fixes. There will be no equivalent of the White House, which can reverse the agenda of the World Bank by appointing a new boss.

EMU will be another Common Agricultural Policy, impervious to changing circumstances. Until the fundamental power structures of the Union are changed, so that its institutions can be changed and powers removed as well as added, economic progess will continue to come at a huge and often unacceptable political price.

Janet Bush finds Kenneth Clarke preparing for an election scrap

Heavyweight ready to be counted out

every impression of being resigned to losing the election. At one point in his interview with The Times in his Treasury office yesterday, a "when they get in dropped into the Chancellor's conversation about the Labour Party before he hastily corrected himself with an "if they get in". Was this another slip of the tongue under pres-sure, as Mr Clarke described Malcolm Rifkind's admission that the Government is hostile to the single currency on yesterday's BBC Today programme. Despite Mr Clarke's inadver-

tent honesty about his party's electoral prospects, he still talks a good fight. He has a master-ful knack of making Gordon Brown look inept, a line he clearly intends to bludgeon home when the election campaign proper gets underway. His strategy is to portray himself as the economic steward with a track record of competence, the Chancellor who has delivered a combination of low inflation and healthy growth which should be sustained for several more years. In contrast, he paints Labour as lightweight, refusing to come clean on policy detai and taking refuge in successful

Conservative policies.

They are lighting a modern American/Australian type campaign, don't have any policies, strike a series of attitudes. If the economy is doing well, get as close to the Government as you can sound on economic policy.

Enter into no commitments." Such a strategy inevitably means that it is difficult to detail the policy differences between a Clarke chancellorship and a Brown one. Where is the clear water between their policies? "Mine are clear, stated and have been pursued for four years in the teeth of bitter opposition from the Labour Party at every stage. Gordon's are an apparent pale shadow of mine at the moment, but that is only a few weeks before the election," he replies. "I am deeply suspicious of people who give ringing endorsements of parts of my policy when it's six weeks to go to polling day or ten weeks to polling day or

however long it is." Mr Clarke rejects the notion that, by adopting swathes of the Government's macroeconomic policies (such as the commitment to stick to current public spending plans for two years and the pledge not to



Kenneth Clarke showed yesterday how to talk a good fight, though he inadvertently indicated that his "lightweight" shadow is landing punches

for five years), the Labour Party has neutralised the economy as an election issue. He believes that the economy remains the biggest election issue and that there is growing disenchant-ment with Labour's failure to detail some of its policies. refusing to answer elementary questions on its windfall tax. failing to publicly come out with an inflation target.

"I don't think the public trust Tony Blair as much as they used to. And I don't think they trust Gordon Brown as much as they used to and I find a very ready response from non-political men and women when they say that Labour won't answer any straightforward questions about their economic policies. I agree with the general public who have these rather disturbing views and I think it is perfectly legitimate politics to emphasise those because the facts support the case against them."

display robust scepticism about whether Mr Brown will be able to stick to the Government's current spending plans, charging that Labour's arithmetic simply doesn't add up. He notes, for example, that the Government's plans rely on substantial privatisation re-

ceipts, yet Labour is opposed to further privatisation. Labour is talking, too, of allowing local authorities to spend more of their capital re-

ceipts and this is not accounted for in current public spending But, despite being at pains to be dismissive, he appears flus-tered by Labour's pledge to leave income taxes unchanged for five years. This, he said, came out of the blue, was irresponsible and sheer elec-

The Chancellor continued to tioneering. "I think the public are rightly wary of populist remarks. I think the key thing when you are fighting an election is firstly to set out your genuine intentions and second-ly create a climate in which you are likely to be able to deliver those intentions. I don't think

you should just be making The public are wary of populist remarks. The key thing is to set out your genuine intentions

> policy on the hoof on particular types of tax or tax rates." inflation picture.

A responsible Chancellor should keep all his tax options open, Mr Clarke says, apparently not able himself to rule out raising tax rates. He refuses to give any assurances to the electorate on whether a Conserexample, abolish Miras mortgage tax relief, whittle away tax exemption on pensions or raise corporation tax.

Most frustratingly for a Chancellor who has presided over a period of relative economic success is the prospect of handing over the keys to il Downing Street when the out-

Mr Clarke admits that, if Labour wins the election. Mr Brown will find an improving as well as a relatively benign

He rejects recent warnings from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research that whichever party wins the election would have to cut spending or raise taxes by an estimated £14 billion if Britain varive government would, for is to erase its stubborn structursays, is based on a particular view of where Britain is in the economic cycle and that nobody can be sure of this. If one assumes, as Mr Clarke does, that this economic upturn is sustainable for several more

years, there should be no

problem in restoring the deficit to balance in the medium term. He says Labour will face considerable problems in delivering healthy public finances and that it could "get our present prospects into serious problems quite quickly if they took over". But he is also forced to admit that the Conservatives have failed to reduce the overall tax burden since taking over in 1979. He says it has been an achievement to contain the proportion of gross domestic product taken by the State and that, although he still aims to get public spending below 40 per cent of GDP, this would be a tall order requiring "good luck

On the monetary side of the policy equation, the Chancellor admits that, on current evidence. Mr Brown should face no overwhelming need to raise interest rates substantially to combat inflation. "If he came in and decided that he had to be terribly macho and start banging up interest rates, then I would probably be the loudest of his critics unless something happened between now and then which implied that there was a sudden change in prospects two years out."

For himself, Mr Clarke comes extremely close to acknowledging that he has got away with not raising interest rates before the election. "I am not raising rates because I don't have to," he says. Right up until the election and beyond? "Damn the election!" he replies cheerily.

On the biggest long-term decision facing the British economy. Mr Clarke strikes a balance between the positive potential of the single currency and its possible risks, thus continuing to tread the finest of lines necessarily imposed by the uneasy truce between diff-But, on the day that Malcolm Rifkind delivered a robust critique of the European project in Germany, even the Conservat-ive Party's Mr Europe was

more sceptic than enthusiast. He made it clear that creative accounting to reach the Maastricht treaty's 3 per cent limit on budget deficits or compromise on the 3 per cent figure itself would rule Britain out of the single currency. In his opinion, it is unlikely that a significant number of countries would demonstrate that they had both met the Maastricht criteria in 1997 and, importantly, proved that their convergence was sustainable, on the current timetable. For this reason, delay to the start of monetary union beyond January 1, 1999, was quite likely and, whenever the single currency went ahead, it was likely to involve only a small number of countries.

And what of life after Downing Street if his party loses the election? Mr Clarke shows no signs of incipient withdrawal symptoms. I shall carry on being a politician." he says, breez-ily. "I propose to imitate Ted Heath and stick in the House of Commons for as long as my electorate in Rushcliffe can put up with me."

A shrewd mix of glitz and grit

he shrewdest shoppers are those who mix designer labels with more prosaic purchases splash out on the Armani suit by all means but keep buying your under-wear at Marks & Spencer. The experi-ence of Investcorp, which this week won the bidding for the Welcome Break motors are seen as a seek motors are seen as a seek motors. Break motorway service station chain, suggests this combination can work very profitably in investment banking.

Investoorp and its clients are former owners of such glitzy names as Gucci, the Italian fashion house, and Tiffany. the jeweller, and the current owners of Mondi, the German fashion house, and the Swiss watchmaking firms, Breguet and Ebel. They also retain a stake in Saks Fifth Avenue, the US retailer, which investoorp floated last year. However, the Bahrain-listed bank has interspersed its glamorous investments with grittier deals, such as the purchase of Circle K, the US

convenience store chain. Record profits in 1996 and 1995 suggest the mix is working. The ner profit for 1996 rose 28.6 per cent, to \$90.4 million (£56.5 million). Total assets reached \$1.7 billion by the end of the year; shareholders' funds were up

to \$516 million. There is a common thread to Adam Jones on the business philosophy driving Welcome Break's new owner

Kirdar unconventional

Investoorp's choices, says Nemir Kirdar, the Iraqi chief executive who was forced to flee Iraq in 1958 after the bloody coup that ended the monarchy. He founded the bank in 1982 through a public listing in Bahrain that raised \$50 million. Another \$50 million was

raised subsequently. Previous invest-

ment banking experi-ence in the US with Chase Manhattan had shown him that every significant company reaches a stage where management or capital difficulties impede performance. Investcorp targets companies in this position, particularly those with a strong brand name, with the aim of a four to fivevear turnround through management change and/or capital

flotation and a profitable exit. Gucci is the highest-profile success so far. Riven by family infighting and an unfashionable image, Investcorp bought the final 50 per cent from Maurizio Gucci, the grandson of the founder, in 1993. Sales then almost doubled between 1994 and 1995 and

Gucci was floated on the New York Stock Exchange. The offer price of \$22 per share valued the company at \$1.3 billion. Mr Kirdar says Investcorp now looks

at about 200 propositions a year, intensively researching ten to 15. He says: "We end up doing three or four deals a year." The £476 million

Welcome Break deal was agreed with Granada, which had to shed the chain to be about 0.5 per cent.

and Mergers Commission. Investorp says it aims to improve quality and profitability by making an extra £50 million available. The purchase takes the total number of deals in the last 15

years to about 60. The way the bank raises money is unconventional. Investcorp was designed to be a channel for capital from the Gulf States of the Middle East. In its purchases, the bank generally acts as principal, paying partly in cash and partly in debt from Western banks. It then syndicates the equity among clients in six Gulf countries, who have the option of buying into the deal in increments of \$100,000, the typical commitment being \$500,000 to \$1

million or passing on the opportunity.
Investcorp does keep a portion of the equity involvement for itself. This is in keeping with the capital structure of the bank, where 37.5 per cent of shares are held by about 90 senior staff. The bank has 200 employees in Bahrain, New York and London offices. The rest of the company is owned by about 10,000 shareholders, including a core of particularly wealthy individuals in the region, known as "The Group of 50°. Their holdings, however, tend to

NatWest Interest rates

NotWest announces the following changes in interest rates effective from (and including) 28th February 1997

Lending

PERSONAL LENDING	Annual Nominal Rate
Tailored Loon: £5,000 - £9,999	10.0%
£10,000+ (Unsecured) £10,000+ (Secured)	9.5% 9.0%

All regulated consumer credit agreements are varied accordingly.

NatWest

National Westminster Bank Plc, 41 Lothbury, London EC2P 2BP

Premier joins Gabriel

Premier Investment, the Guildford-based fund manager, is to join the Alternative Investment Market via a £5 million reverse takeover by Gabriel Trust. Shares in Gabriel — to be renamed Premier Asset Management — were suspended yesterday as the deal was announced.

Jonathan Fry and Mike O'Shea, investment directors of Premier, are to be joint managing directors of the new company.

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Gabriel Trust. which supplies equity capital to smaller companies. joined the AlM in August. Its head, David Pearl, who has built a 26.11 per cent stake in Chartfield Fund Management, stays with it.

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Gabriel is making an initial cash payment of £1.5 million plus £2.5 million in guaranteed loan notes and Gabriel ordinary shares.

Pilot defence

Pilot Investment Trust has appointed Merrill Lynch International broker in its defence against a bid by Colin McLean, of Scottish Value Management MLI advised Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust (Kepit) last year after investors, in-cluding Mr McLean, prompted it to ditch Kleinwort Benson as fund manager. Kepit later unitised. Sir Peter Michael, Pilot's chairman, is to leave its defence to other directors. He holds 59 per cent of Rutherford Asset Management, Pilot's manager.

Brent order

Swale Process, part of Brent International, the speciality chemicals group, has agreed a five-year. £15 million deal to supply coatings to Van Leer Metalized Products. Metallised papers are increasingly used in packaging, and Van Leer is a market leader in a version used for beerbottle labels. Shares in Brent, which has been recovering from a fall in profits, rose 1/2p, to \$8/2p.

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Medeva poised for growth in America

BY ERIC REGULY

MEDEVA, the pharmaceuticals group, said that it was poised to expand rapidly in America now that its Rochester acquisition had been integrated into operations.

Rochester gave Medeva a portfolio of ten products and, more importantly, a distribution and sales network in the world's largest drugs market. Bill Bogie, chief executive,

Bill Bogie, chief executive, said it would be used as a platform to introduce drugs that Medeva intends to buy from other companies. The company does not develop its own drugs. Dr Bogie said: "We can put anything through this network."

Medeva bought Rochester last July from Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, the Franco-American pharmaceuticals company, for \$370 million. It was Medeva's largest acquisition.

To reflect its growing presence in the US, Medeva is to transfer the listing of its American depositary receipts to the New York Stock Exchange. However, a full listing is unlikely.

Strong sales of Rochester's



John Baker, Medeva chairman, left, and Bill Bogie

drugs were behind the 30 per cent rise in overall sales, to £332 million in the year to December 31. The sales of Rochester's products in the half year since the acquisition were \$77 million, or more than

three-quarters of Rochester's total sales of \$100 million in

One of the high-flying Rochester drugs is lonamin, an obesity treatment, whose half-year sales, at £22 million, 283's p

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previous year.

Medeva reported pre-tax profits of £103.5 million, before restructuring charges, up 31 per cent. Earnings per share were 20.8p. against 16.9p. Profits after a restructuring charge of £65.2 million were £38.5 million.

More than half the charge went to upgrading Rochester's manufacturing operations, allowing them to make Medeva's existing American products and any others that it will acquire, and consolidating the two companies' administrative sites.

The charge also included a E14 million writedown of Medeva's hospital products business in the US.

Dr Bogie said that he expected to form more alliances with biotechnoloy companies this year, but would not provide details. Medeva recently formed a partnership with Peptide Therapeutics, a vaccines discovery company.

A final dividend of 3.15p, to be paid on May 23, makes the total dividend 4.8p, up 20 per cent. The shares closed at 283½p, up 3½p.

Lorien to focus on integration

By Tom Tugendhat

THE rapid growth of Lorien, the information technology consultancy that has raised E30 million in the last six months, looks set to pause this year as the company concentrates on integrating its three recent acquisitions.

Lorien paid Ell million last August for PE International, the management consultancy. More recently, it has bought Arena Resources, an agency that provides IT contract staff, and Frost Berkeley Associates, which provides IT staff for financial services companies.

Although Lorien said it remains in a strong position to fund further acquisitions, it intends to spend 1997 consolidating its market positions.

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The company was reporting pre-tax profits of £1.9 million, before exceptional items, for the year to November 26. This was almost double the previous year's total. Turnover jumped from £29.1 million to £45.7 million.

Stripping out the effect of exceptional items, earnings rose from 12.1p to 15.4p. Lorien will pay a final dividend of 5p a share, almost doubling the total payout to 7.5p.

HISNESS HOUNDUP

French pave way for Thomson-CSF sale

THOMSON, the French electronics group, will be split in two to ensure a rapid privatisation of its defence arm, Thomson-CSF, the French Government said yesterday. The announcement, confirming the Government had abandoned plans for a public flotation of Thomson-CSF, paved the way for a straight light between Lagardère, owner of Matra, and Alcatel Alsthom.

The first attempt to privatise Thomson ended in fiasco, with an independent commission blocking proposals to sell the consumer electronics division. Thomson Multimedia, to Daewoo, the South Korean firm. In an attempt to prevent a second failure, the French Prime Minister, Alain Juppe, has decided to postpone privatisation of Multimedia, which has debts of Fri4 billion. He is confident Thomson-CSF can be sold off this summer once it has been freed from its troubled consumer-electronics partner.

Winchester TV boost

WINCHESTER Multimedia, the company that has seen its shares slide far below the price at which it listed on the Atternative Investment Market, yesterday received a boost from an agreement to broadcast two of its children's series on television in North America. Winchester, whose shares floated at 100p, has been hit by the collapse of ECP, a magazine publisher, and the weak performance of Rainbow, the film in which it invested El million. Winchester's shares yesterday climbed 8p, to close at 70½ p.

FirstBus faces referral

FTRSTBUS, the transport operator, will pay E54 million for CentreWest, a London bus company, in an agreed takeover. FirstBus is offering 2.5 FirstBus shares for each CentreWest share, valuing each share at 586p. The Office of Fair Trading said it is considering recommending referring the deal to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The OFT wants public comments by March 5. FirstBus has agreed to refinance CentreWest's net debts, including its loan stock, for an amount not expected to exceed £30 million.

Porvair's price slips

SHARES in Porvair, which makes skins for footballs and other synthetic materials, fell 20p to 250p yesterday after the company detailed the problems it has suffered over the past year. Poor sales from its glove inserts and a difficult market from Selee, its latest acquisation held pre-tax profits to 54.2 million (85.1 million) for the year to November 30. The total dividend rises to 5.6p (5.4p), with a final payment of 3.7p, due on April 10. This is in spite of a 39 per cent fall in earnings per share, to 11p.

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GEC links to Siemens

GEC has merged its telecommunications arm with Siemens, the German electronics group, in a joint venture that will employ 3,000 people and have an estimated turnover of £265 million. The new Siemens GEC Communications Systems, in which both groups have an equal stake, was announced last summer and operations began yesterday. It will pool the GPT business systems division, GPT Communications Systems and Siemens Business Communication Systems.

Advanced Power shares fall 30%

By Fraser Nelson

SHARES in Advanced Power fell a further 30 per cent yesterday after the recently-floated electrical component supplier gave warning that its profits would be hit by sluggish demand.

The shares, which had fallen 26 per cent since the start of the week, hit a low of 41 p before closing at 46 p. The company joined the market at 70p last November.

The warning confirmed fears that the market for ISDN digital phone lines is softening. Roger Robinson, chief executive, said: "The prices of ISDN lines in Britain are the highest in the world, and this has been hitting our

customers quite hard. We didn't make any forecast when we floated, but the expectations of short-term growth

have certainly changed."

While only 40 per cent of the company's profits come from ISDN-related products, Henry Cooke Corporate Finance, its broker, cut the profits forecast to £850,000 for 1997, against the £1.5 million expected at flotation.

Analysts are expecting similar warnings from the sector. Shares of Premier Farnell have lost 25 per cent of their value in the last three weeks, and IOC International shares fell II per cent after a director sold a £62,000 stake.

Sharp adds edge to Capital fight

CAPITAL CORPORATION, the casino operator fighting a £180 million bid, yesterday bolstered its board by promoting Ernest Sharp to deputy chairman (Alasdair Murray writes).

Capital said it expects Mr Sharp to play a major role as the hostile bid from the rival London Clubs International unfolds. He has been a non-executive director since 1993 and has served as chairman of Somerfield, the supermarket group.

the supermarket group.
Capital, which has rejected the bid, said it is awaiting details of the all-paper offer before issuing a defence. Capital shares fell 4½p, to 192p. London Clubs lost lp, to 380p, valuing its bid at 178.6p.

Inntrepreneur backed by OFT

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

INNTREPRENEUR, the pubcompany, yesterday won vital concessions from the Office of Fair Trading over its beer supply agreements—clearing the way for the company to float next year.

John Taylor, Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, ruled that Inntrepreneur should no longer be obliged to free its pubs from tied beer-supply agreements in March 1998. Mr Taylor also ended restrictions on the size of the company's pub estate and the requirement to take a guest

beer.
But Inntrepreneur will now
be obliged to allow its tenants

ments with brewers other than Scottish & Newcastle, when its supply deal expires in March 1998. Inntrepreneur, which is jointly owned by Grand Metropolitan and Fosters, welcomed the deal, saying it would enable it to become more compentive and exact greater purchasing power.

The company has freely a

The company has fought a series of acrimonious legal hatties with some tenants over rents and supply agreements in the past few years. The latest agreement is likely to provoke further lawsuits from publicans who claim they signed leases on the understanding that they would be free of the tie arrange-

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Charities called to account

Richard Derwent on a daunting new regime facing preparers of

annual returns and their advisers

egulations made under took effect for accountthe Charities Act 1993 ing periods beginning on or after March I, 1996. In practibe this takes effect next week, for charities whose accounting periods span a year, for February 28, 1997, year-ends. The regulations apply in different ways to charities: that are registered, those which are exempt and those which are excepted from registration. In general, charities have to maintain proper accounting records and submit, annually, to the Charity Commissioners, accounts, an

For the first time in charity law there is a requirement for most accounts to show a true and fair view and to be audited or subject to independent scrutiny. The revised statement of recognised practice (Sorp) is intended to apply to all charities preparing accounts on the accruals basis,

annual report and an annual

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, the guidance in that Sorp represents best practice and should be followed to give a true and fair view, as required by both the 1993 Act and the Companies Act 1985. The matter of whether the provisions in the Companies Act 1985 are to be modified for charitable companies has not been resolved. but it looks as if changes to that Act are not considered to be a ministerial priority. Indeed, although it was agreed to look carefully at the requirements in both the 1985 and 1993 Acts to see whether a modified regime for charitable companies would be de-strable, the DTI does not look predisposed to change the 1985 Act. This has created some conflicts between the two Acts - although the 1993 Act does confer general pow-ers on the Commissioners to institute inquiries into any charity (other than an exempt charity) and to call for docu-

ments and search records. Some of the accounting conflicts could be resolved by prohibiting charitable companies from being classified as small and medium-sized companies where they satisfy

certain criteria. Because the principal source of income for many charities is voluntary dona-tions by members of the public, such a prohibition would be supported by those



Richard Derwent thinks the new rules demand attention

who believe that a greater public interest exists in the accountability of charities than in commercial companies of equivalent size. Such a prohibition would conflict with the DTI's deregulatory initiatives. which appear to carry greater

There is, however, nothing to prevent a more specialised document - in this case the revised Sorp - from imposing a more strict accounting regime. Both FRS2 and the

1985 Act exempt parent companies of small and mediumsized groups from preparing consolidated accounts. However, both the FRS and the Act are written with the general-ity of companies (and other entities) in mind. Accordingly, in drafting its proposals,

the Charity Accounting Review Committee has sought to recommend that, in the interests of showing a true and fair view, consolidated accounts are prepared in all cases.

Non-consolidation would rep-

In at the birth

GREAT excitement in the media and entertainment department of Chantry Vellacott last Thursday. Jerome Walton, who normally deals with people such as the Rolling Stones, had to vacate his office rather swiftly so that a secretary could use it to give birth. Molly McHugh (51b 14oz) and her mother Debbie are said to be doing fine. A spokesman said: "But the partners are recovering

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recommendations and might be held to be a failure to show such a view.

In these circumstances, charity trustees would need to have strong grounds, which must be disclosed in the accounts and which may need to be justified to the Commissioners, that a (more) true and fair view is provided by nonconsolidation. The fact that both the FRS and the Act exempt small and mediumsized companies from doing so might not be held to represent sufficient grounds.

uditors of unincorporated charities have a stat-Lutary duty to report, in certain circumstances, to the appropriate regulatory authority. Although there is no equiv-alent statutory duty which applies to auditors of charitable companies, they would need to follow the requirements of SAS

For unincorporated charities and charitable companies not subject to an audit, the level of scrutiny and the qualifications required to carry out that scrutiny differ. Unless changes to the 1985 Act are made, this latter conflict is likely to be magnified by a recent DTI consultative document which proposes to abandon a statutory requirement for audit exemption reports.

The provisions in the 1993 Act, the Regulations and the revised Sorp herald a daunting new regime on which preparers of charity accounts and their advisers should now be

focusing attention.

The new regime represents the culmination of many years' debate, which has run parallel to the increasingly visible profile which charities now enjoy, and is no more than commensurate with the important role that charities play in the UK

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What would granny have made of it?

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IN his battle against off balance sheet Review Panel, as it is entitled to do, said it wheezes and creative accounting generally, Sir David Tweedie, chairman of the Accounting Standards Board, has often used the folksy test of "if your granny would think it was wrong, then it probably is wrong". After the decisions which came out of the Review Panel on off balance sheet finance this week. all grannies who are in nursing homes should be asking for the account.

The decision over the accounts of Associated Nursing Services (ANS) is being seen at the Financial Reporting Review Panel as a landmark case. Since November 1995 the panel has been arguing with ANS, a long-term healthcare provider, over two areas of its accounts. The first to do with joint venture, the second with sale and leaseback arrangements. Both were to do with Financial Reporting Standard 5, FRS5, which was intended to tackle off balance sheet finance. Its overiding principle was that "a reporting entity's financ-ing statements should report the substance of the transactions into which it

has entered". Like many of the ASB's rules, the aim was to make companies think about what they were reporting and to ensure that they stuck to the spirit of the rules rather than the more obscurantist letter of the law. The ASB had "noted the development of complex schemes that could obscure the true extent of a company's borrowings and the assets and liabilities they finance, and schemes that treated as sales transactions which were in reality financing".

It was always clear that the 'granny test" would loom large in this one. The greatest creative accounting sin of the late 1980s was that of

shifting debt off the balance sheet via some scheme or other. The shareholders would be oblivious of the arrangement. No sign of it would appear on the balance sheet except, of course, greatly enhanced gearing. So the Review Panel has been looking

around for a good test case. It was probably unfortunate that the accounts of ANS turned up when they did. As a result, what the finance director at ANS describes as "a very long and protracted discussion" took place.

Howard Williams, of Clark Whitehill, which audits ANS, said: "Until a month ago we were confident," Herbert Smith, the company's lawyers, had said that the sale and leaseback scheme the company was using did not fall foul of FRS5. Then the

would take the company's accounts to court

for a ruling.
At this point, the case collapsed. Taking a company to court is the panel's final sanction and one that Edwin Glasgow, QC. its chairman, takes extremely scriously. No company has ever risked it. They have always backed down. And so did ANS. The

company has now restated its accounts. But the shock waves will continue. The sale and leaseback arrangement it had bought, like many such arrangements, was an off-thepeg scheme tailored to the industry. It was provided by Nursing Home Properties (NHP), which exists to provide specialist nursing home property investment. Normally under a sale and leaseback arrangement a company will sell a fixed asset, such as buildings, to a specialist financial organis-ation. This effectively removes the asset from the company's balance sheet. And, more

crucially, it also removes any liabilities, such as mortgages, that relate to the asset. The company then rents back the asset and uses it for its original purpose. This is standard practice throughout the retail world in particular. The result is that, in the words of Daniel Francis, NHP's finance director, "there are implica-tions in this ruling for every company in the country Certainly the ruling should provide an avalanche of work for lawyers and accountants as they seek to establish quite what David Tweedie's granny might think of their arrangements.

The key to such schemes is how far the deal distances the company, when it sells its buildings and then leases

them back, from the concept of ownership. The Review Panel took the view that "the nature of the transaction was such that not all the significant rights or other access to benefits relating to the asset in question and not all the significant exposure to the risk inherent in those benefits, had been transferred to the purchaser".

The implication, said the panel, was that "an asset should have remained on the consolidated balance sheet and the sale proceeds should have been included in borrowings, with consequential profit and loss account adjustments".

Or to put it another way, you should have asked your granny if she thought you still

Careful look at the accounts

THIS morning sees one of the great annual gatherings of the financial reporting world. At the Mansion House in the City the Lord Mayor of London will preside over the presentation of the annual awards for the best published report and accounts. The awards are sponsored by the Stock Exchange and the Institutes of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, Ireland and Scotland, And certainly the English institute will be looking carefully at the

winning entries. This week it published a research paper, Financial Graphs in Corporate Annual Reports. Its conclusions were stark: 'UK' companies are among the most likely to use graphical representation to present a distorted view of the underlying data."

On the wing HARSH words were said as

the UK Government's case

against Arthur Andersen over the ill-fated investment in John DeLorean's gull-winged sports car was thrown out of

the New York courts this week. The judge said: "What lies ahead is the arduous task of reducing this case from a miasma of frequently rhetorical and conclusory allegations and a Niagara of paper to a manageable and focused dispute." Perhaps he would like to help out over the forthcoming general election, too.



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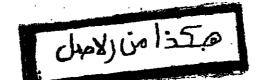
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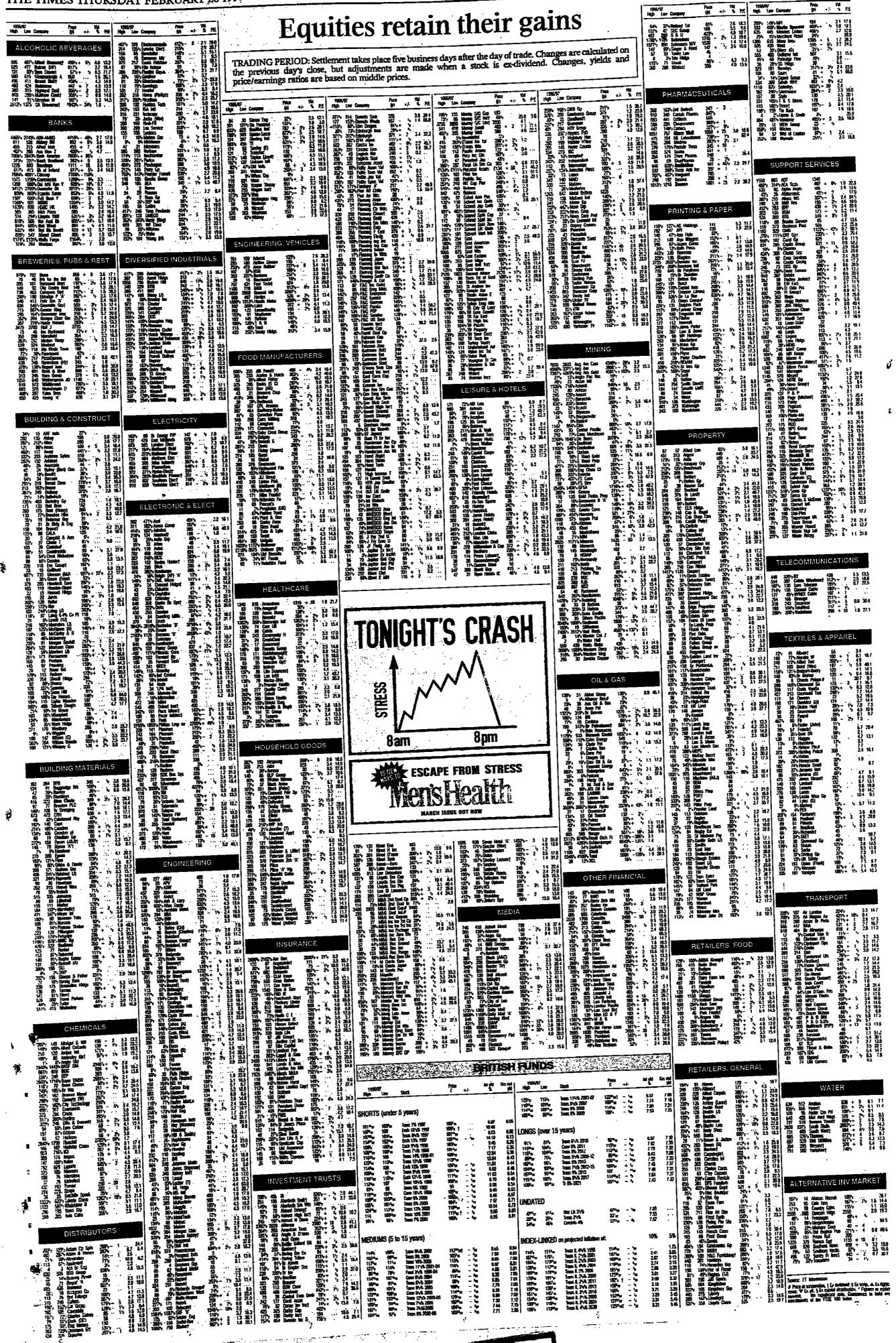
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Damages guidelines for jury trying police actions

of Police of the Metropolis Hsu v Same Before Lord Woolf, Master of the

Rolls, Lord Justice Auld and Sir Brian Neill **Judement February 19** Guidelines as to the directions to be given to a jury assessing damages in civil actions against the police were given by the Court of Appeal in order to establish

awards and damages for personal An award of £50,000 was the absolute maximum that was appropriate for exemplary damhere officers of at least the rank

relationship between such

volved in the unlawful conduct The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis against an award of ESL500 damages by Judge Quentin Edwards, QC and a jury at Central London County Court on June 12, 1995 to Claudette

assault and malicious prosecution. An appeal by the commissioner against an award of £220,000 damages by Judge Quentin Edwards. QC and a jury at Central London County Court on March 28, 1996 to Kenneth Hsu for wrongful arrest, false imprison-ment and assault was allowed to the extent of reducing the damages

Thompson for false imprisonment

to £35,000. Mr Ben Emmerson for Miss Thompson: Mr David Pannick, QC and Miss Fiona Barton for the

Mr Edward Fitzgerald, QC and Mr Ben Emmerson for Mr Hsu; Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Nicholas Ainley for the

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, giving the judgment of the court, said that in a number of recent cases members of the public had been awarded large sums of exemplary damages by juries against the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for unlaw ful conduct towards them by the police. As a result the present appeals had been brought by the

The intention was to clarify the directions which a judge should include in a summing up to assist the jury as to the amount of damages, particularly exemplary damages, which it was appro-priate for them to award a plaintiff

Guidance that should be given While there was no formula which was appropriate for all cases and the precise form of a ing-up was very much a er within the discretion of the trial judge, it was suggested that in many cases it would be convenient to include in a summing-up on the issue of damages additional directions on the following lines: I It should be explained to the jury

favour the only remedy which they

of damages. Save in exceptional situations such damages were only awarded as compensation and were intended to compensate the plaintiff for any injury or damage which he had suffered. They were

2 As the law stood at present compensatory damages were of two types:

(a) ordinary damages which the court would suggest should be described as basic, and

(b) aggravated damages. Ag-gravated damages could only be awarded where they were cla by the plaintiff and where there were aggravating features about the defendant's conduct which ified the award of aggravated damages. Where special damages were claimed in respect of some specific pecuniary loss that claim should be explained separately. 3 The jury should be told that the basic damages would depend on

the circumstances and the degree of harm suffered by the plaintiff. But they should be provided with an appropriate bracket to use as a starting point. The judge would be responsible for determining the bracket, and the court envisaged that in the ordinary way the judge would have heard submissions on the matter from counsel in the absence of the jury. 4 In a straightforward case of

wrongful arrest and imprisonment or malicious prosecution the jury should be informed of the approxicorrect starting point for basic damages for the actual loss of liberty or for the wrongful prosecu tion, and also given an approximate ceiling figure. It should be explained that those were no more than guideline figures based on the dge's experience and on awards in other cases and the actual figure was one on which they must

5 In a straightforward case of wrongful arrest and imprisonment the starting point was likely to be about £500 for the first hour during which the plaintiff had been deprived of his or her liberty After the first hour an additional sum was to be awarded, but that sum should be on a reducing scale so as to keep the damages propor tionate with those payable in personal injury cases and because e plaintiff was entitled to have a nigher rate of compensation for the infrial shock of being arrested. As a guideline the court considered, for example, that a plaintiff who had been wrongly kept in custody for 24 hours should for that alone normally be regarded as entitled to an award of about £3,000.

6 In the case of malicious prosecu tion, the figure should start at about £2,000 and for prosecution continuing for as long as two years, the case being taken to the crown court, an award of about £10,000 could be appropriate. If a malicious prosecution resulted in a conviction which was only set aside on an appeal that would justify a larger award to reflect the longer period during which the

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Allen, Arthur Miller wrote the screenplay for the film which is directed by Nicholas Hytner (who also

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plaintiff had been in peril and had been caused distress

7 The figures which the court had identified so far were provided to assist the judge in determining the bracket within which the jury should be invited to place their award. The court appreciated, however, that circumstances could vary dramatically from case to case and that those and subprovided were not intended to be applied in a mechanistic manner. 8 If the case was one in which and could be appropriately awarded, the nature of aggravated damages should be explained to the jury. Such damages could be awarded where there were

aggravating features about the case which would result in the plaintiff not receiving sufficient compensation for the injury suffered if the award were restricted to a basic award. Aggravating features could include humiliatin circumstances at the time of the arrest or any conduct of those responsible for the arrest or the cution which showed that they had behaved in a highhanded, insulting, malicious or oppressive manner either in relation to the arrest or imprisonment or in conducting the prosecution. Aggravating features could also dude the way the litigation and

9 The jury should then be told that if they considered the case was one for the award of damages other than basic damages then they should usually make a separate award for each category. That was contrary to the present practice but would result in greater transpor-ency as to the make-up of the

10 Where it was appropriate to award aggravated damages the figure was unlikely to be less than £1,000. It was not possible to indicate a precise arithmetical relationship between basic damages and aggravated damages because the circumstances would ordinary way, however, the court would not expect the aggravated damages to be as much as twice the basic damages except perhaps where, on the particular facts, the basic damages were modest.

II It should be strongly emphasised to the jury that the total figure for basic and agiamages should not ex ceed what they considered was fair the plaintiff had suffered. It should also be explained that if aggravated damages were awarded, such damages, although compensatory and not intended as a punishment, would in fact contain a penal element as far as the

12 Finally, the jury should be told in a case where exemplary damages were claimed and the judge considered that there was evidence support such a claim, that it was not normally possible to award damages with the object of punishing the defen-

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duct, including oppressive or arbitrary behaviour, by police officers which deserved the exceptional remedy of exemplary damages, it should be explained to the

(a) That if the jury were awarding aggravated damages those vided compensation for the injury of the oppressive and insulting ur of the police officer and, ment from the defendant's point of

should be awarded if, but only if, they considered that the compensation awarded by way of basic and aggravated damages was in the circumstances an inad-

(c) That an award of exemplary damages was in effect a windfall for the plaintiff and, where damages would be payable out of police funds, the sum awarded might not be available to be expended by the police in a way which would benefit the public. That guidance would not be appropriate if the claim was to be met by insurers. (d) That the sum awarded by

way of exemplary damages should be sufficient to mark the jury's disapproval of the oppressive or arbitrary behaviour but should be

13 Where exemplary damages were appropriate they were unlikely to be less than £5,000. Otherwise the case was probabl nor one which justified an award of exemplary damages at all. The conduct had to be particularly deserving of condemn award of as much as £25,000 to be justified and the figure of £50,000 should be regarded as the absolute maximum, involving directly offi-

14 in an appropriate case the jury should also be told that even though the plaintiff succeeded on liability any improper conduct o which they found him guilty could reduce or even eliminate any award of aggravated or exempla damages if the jury considered that that conduct caused or contributed to the behaviour complained of.

The figures given would of course require adjusting in the future for inflation. The court appreciated that the guideline figures departed from the figure frequently awarded by juries at the present time. However, they were signed to establish relationship between the figure awarded in that area and those awarded for personal injuries.

In giving guidance for agattached importance to the fact that they were intended to be compensatory and not punitive igh the same circumstances might justify punishment

In deciding upon what should be treated as the upper limits for exemplary damages the court had

clear that there had been conduct The court was also not in favour of a nature which warranted serious civil punishment and in-dicated the jury's vigorous dis-approval of what had occurred but

plaintiffs non to operation with the complaints procedure reducing an award of damages. It was highly desirable that complainants should co-operate in disciplinary investigations but they were not legally obliged to do so. If they were not sufficiently public spir-ited to do so, that could not be held inst them in law so as to reduce the amount payable when assess ing the compensation to which were entitled.

Where a false defence was cases it could prove a useful check persisted in that could justify an increase in the aggravated or enemplary damages but as that would almost invariably be the consequence of an unsuccessful defence, the guidance as to figures basic damages being awarded, as the total of the basic, aggravated the court had given took that into account. If a malicious prosecution resulted in a conviction which was only set aside on an appeal that to take into account the disci-plinary procedures which were available as against the officers would justify a larger award. In many cases it would be convenient for the jury's verdict on

received directions as to quantu Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co. Camden: Solicitor, Metropolitan

Christian Fisher & Co. Blooms-bury; Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

Payment-in notice is

Gorse and Others v Tinkler A notice of payment into court made under Order 22 of the Rules of the Supreme Court was not, of itself, an offer which if accepted compromise an action.

at the same time recognised that the plaintiff was the recipient of a

windfall in relation to exemplary

As punishment was the primary

objective in this class of case it was

more difficult to tie the amount of

exemplary damages to the award

of compensatory damages, includ-ing aggravated. However, in many

subject to the upper limits the court

had identified it it was accepted that it would be unusual for the

exemplary damages to produce a result of more than three times the

and exemplary damages.

The commissioner had submit

ted that the jury should be invited

was one which warranted the

In the court's view that should

only be done where there was clear

award of exemplary damages.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Morritt and Sir lain Glidewell) so held on February 10 when dismiss ing an appeal by the defendant, Michael Robert Tinkler, from the judement of Mr Justice Keene in July 1995 given in Hartlepool District Registry, declaring that the first plaintiff, Richard Robert Gorse, was not bound by any compromise of his action for damages for personal injuries and that the action be allowed to

SIR IAIN GLIDEWELL said

not an offer plaintiff was entitled to continue his action so as to claim a greater amount than the balance of the

amount paid into court that re-

mained after social security payments had been deducted. The defendant, having made the payment in, argued that an agree-ment at law had been reached compromising the plaintiff's claim. But a notice of payment into court simple accentance of constituting a

As Lord Justice Goddard had said in Cumber v Pothecary [1941] 2 KB 58, 67): "It is a wholly cedural matter and has no true analogy to a settlement arranged between the parties out of court, which, of course, does constitute a

Earlier planning decision prevails

Hammond v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Brooke and Sir Brian

[Judgment January 30] The decision of a planning inspector gave rise to an estoppel per rem judicatam and where sub different inspectors reached tradictory decisions the first in

time prevailed The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Michael Roy Hammond from the refusal by Mr. Justice Dyson of an application under section 289(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for an order to quash the dismissal by the Secretary of State for the Environment of an appeal against an enforcement notice ating to the presence of a mobile home on his land.

Lord Kingsland, QC and Mr Alan Masters for Mr Hammond; Miss Nathalie Lieven for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE BROOKE, said that, the first issue was whether the relevant development occurred when Mr Hammond first stationed a mobile home on the land for the purposes of human habitation or whether the dev-elopment, in the sense of a material change of use, had occurred since that time.

In the latter case the relevant breach of planning control did not occur at least 10 years before the new 10-year limitation period was introduced on July 27, 1992 by section 171B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, in-serted by section 4 of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991.

Rightly or wrongly, the first inspector was satisfied that Mr Hammond's use of the mobile home as accommodation for himself while he was building the bungalow brought his case within a deemed permission and be allowed the appeal against the relevant enforcement notice in 1986: He said that the breach of planning control did not start until completion of the dwelling in August 1985.

Miss Lieven argued that the effect of the decision in Thraspoulou v Secretary of State for the Environment [1990] 2 AC decision was to be treated as res nidicata.

The lieut

Although that case was con-cerned with the inability of the secretary of state through the application of the principles of estapped to seek to relitigate an issue which had already been conclusively determined in favour of a citizen, she submitted that the underlying basis of the estoppel namely that a judgment in ren had been made by a competent statutory authority was the same whether it was the citizen or the

whether it was the cluser in the secretary of state or some other statutory authority which sought subsequently to argue that the original determination was wrong. In his Lordship's judgment, this was a true case of res judicata. Lord Bridge's conclusion in Thrusywoulou that the determination in favour of an appellant of an appeal against an enforcement an appeal against an enforcement notice gave rise to an estoppel per rem judicatam fell to be applied in the present case.

There was therefore a conclusive determination in rem that the use of the land in August 1985 did not give rise to a breach of planning control so far as the use of the

mobile home was concerned. Lord Kingsland submitted, how ever, that because the second inspector had reached a decision on the lawfulness of building the bungalow which was to a contrary effect to the decision of the first inspector on the lawfulness of the mobile homes's presence on the land there was an estoppel on an estoppel. The effect of the second inspector's decision was that the bungalow had never had planning permission at all. In those circum stances deemed permission could

It appeared to his Lordship that when there were consecutive de-cisions in rem by statutory quasi-judicial authorities of equivalent status the first in time ought to prevail for present purposes. There was no injustice in that because if the first inspector's decision had would have had so take the mobile home off the land 10 years earlier. Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Sir

Brian Neill agreed. Solicitors: Stephen Fidler & Co:

Strasbourg

Human Rights Law Report

Protection of health justifies conviction

v United Kingdom

(Case No 109/1995/615/703-705) Before R. Bernhardt, President and Judges L.-E. Pettin, C. Russo, A. Spielmann, Sir John Preeland, M. A. Lopes Rocha, L. Wildhaber, P. Küris and E. Levits

Registrar H. Petzold Deputy Registrar P. J. Mahoney

Judgment February 19] The prosecution and conviction of the applicants for sado-masochistic practices was an interference in their private life which was "necessary in a democratic society. The European Court of Human Rights so held, unanimously, in finding that there had been no-violation of article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (1983) (Cmd 8969).

The applicants, Colin Laskey, Roland Jaggard and Anthony Brown, were born in 1943, 1947 and 1935 respectively. They were members of a group of homo-sexual men who took pant in sadomasochistic activities, involving maltreatment of the genitals,

ritualistic beating and branding. Those activities were consensua and took place in private between non of full age. The infliction of pain was subject to certain rules, including the use of a code word to call a halt to any activity, and no permanent injury or infection was

The members of the group made videos of those events for private use, and some of those tapes fell into the hands of the police. Laskey, laggard and Brown, among others, were charged with a series of offences, primarily causing bodily harm and wound ing contrary to sections 47 and 20 of the Offences against the Person

They argued that the consent of the alleged "victims" to the assaults provided them with a defence, but on November 19, 1990 the trial judge ruled that it could not. They subsequently pleaded guilty, and on December 19, 1990 were sentenced, in respect of the offences under the above mentioned sections, to imprisonment of twelve months (Laskey), three years (Jaggard) and two years and nine menths (Brown).

The applicants appealed. The Court of Appeal dismissed the appeals against conviction but reduced the respective sentences to three months, six months and three months (The Times February 21, 1992; [1992] QB 491). The House of Lords, with two of the five The Times March 12, 1993; [1994]). AC 212). The majority in the House of Lords took the view that in general, a victim's consent was no defence to a charge under the 1861 Act and that it would not be in the public interest to create an excep-tion to that general rule to cover

The proceedings were given widespread press coverage. As a result, all the applicants lost their jobs and Jaggard required exten-sive psychiatric treatment. Laskey djed in 1995.

The application to the Europe ion of Human Rights which was lodged on December 14, 1992, was declared admissible on January 18, 1995 as regarded the applicants' complaint the alleged violation of their right no respect for private life. The remainder of the application was fully to secure a friendly settle-ment, the Commisson drew up a report on October 26, 1995 in which it established the facts and expressed the opinion by eleven votes to seven that there had been no violation of article 8 of the

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held as follows:

The applicants complained that their prosecution and conviction had violated their right to respect for their private life under article 8 of the European Convention.

It was common ground before the Court that the criminal proceedings against the applicants constituted an "interference by a public authority with their right to respect for private life, that the interference was carried out "in accordance with the law" and that namely that of the "protection of health or morals". The only issue before the Court was therefore whether the interference was "necessary in a democratic society The Court observed that the State was unquestionably entitled to regulate the infliction of physical

harm through the criminal law. The determination of the tolerable level of harm where the victim

consented was primarily a matter for the state authorities. The Court was not persuaded by the applicants' submission that their behaviour belonged exclu-sively to the sphere of their private morality and therefore fell outside

the scope of state intervention.

It was evident from the facts that the applicants' activities had in-volved a significant degree of injury and wounding. Further-more, state authorities were en-titled to consider not only the

actual harm but also the potential

the activities. There was no evidence to support the applicants' allegation of bias on the part of the authorities

> ity in the House of Lords had based their decision on the extreme nature of the practices. Accordingly, the reasons given by the national authorities to justify the interference were rele-

vant and sufficient In addition, given the degree of organisation involved, the limited number of charges finally selected for inclusion in the prosecution case, and the reduced sentences imposed on appeal, the interference could not be regarded as

disproportionate. The national authorities had been entitled to consider the interference "necessary in a democratic society" for the protection of health are had therefore been no and there had therefore be violation of the Convention.

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■ FILM I

John Travolta's charmed cinematic life comes to an end with the dreadful new Hollywood release Michael



FILM 2

The life and times of a female singer-songwriter are the inspiration for the new film Grace of My Heart THE



FILM 3

The theme of love and loss is given a witty and elegant spin in Hal Hartley's latest. Flirt



FILM 4

The Phantom is a likeable if unoriginal addition to the list of old serials brought to the big screen

CINEMA: Geoff Brown on the disappointing Michael and other new releases. Plus, French festival report

The short and the short of it

Daniel Rosenthal reports on the

Clermont Ferrand film festival

hen did you last see a short at the cinema? More than a decade has passed since various commercial factors led all but a handful of British screens to stop prefacing the main feawith a short film.

A director's best hope of gaining a large audience for his miniature masterpiece now resides in television, via strands such as Channel 4's The Shooting Gallery. Those determined to push their work onto the big screen must head for the burgeoning circuit of international festivals dedicated to shorts, which kicks off, in early February, at Clermont Ferrand, 80 miles west of

The city held its first Festival du Court-Métrage in 1979, when Antoine Lopez and Georges Bollon, leading lights in the Clermont Ferrand univ-

Thierry Binisti's Le Livre de minuit

grammed a week of shorts.

Visiting directors slept at the

organisers' digs and 1,200 people watched the films. Lo-

pez and Bollon have remained

on the selection committee for

an event which now has a

£700,000 budget, screens 150

films from 50 countries, and

attracts 110,000 spectators in

French journalists call it

the Cannes of shorts", but the

label is misleading. With its

makeshift venues (lecture

halls doubling as cinemas),

young audiences, and resolute

artistic focus on largely un-known talent, the festival has

more in common with the

French and international com-

petitions made for between

£10,000 and £40,000, the casts

were pleasantly star-free. And this enhanced the conviction of

the storytelling. Cleveland Wood's Last Day On Earth, a

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some, chronically depressed 30-year-old whose doring mother tries to snap him out of a suicidal trough by hiring a strippagram. With unknown Scott Gibson in the title role. attention was totally bound up in the action, not the actor. Recognition at Clermont-Ferrand has been a springboard to success for directors

such as Jean-Pierre Jeunet (Delicatessen) and Mathieu Kassovitz (La Haine), yet only two of the 50 films I saw were blatant "Please hire me" calling cards: Ausgestorben (Ex-Pohl, felt like a Twelve Monkeys wannabe, and Le Silencieux (The Silencer) had an assassin awaiting radio orders for his latest hit -

director Fabrice Rendé clearly having spent too much time watching Luc Besson's Nikita. No such genre intected in Le Livre de minuit (The Midnight Book). Thierry Binisti's magical fable about a boy

whose readings from the 1001 Nights save mother from the Nazis in occupied France; nor in The Very Stuff, a sparky woman Lisa Mulcahy, in which a Lolita-like teenager and her father cause havoc at a rural

These and other five to 40-minute works from Egypt, Australia, New Zealand and Brazil all

demonstrated independent film-making in its purest form writers and directors bound by reel time and resources, not star egos or studio executives intent on manufacturing the right "product". Faced with such tremen-

dous variety, it was disappointing to see the major prizes awarded to a homogenous batch of worthy films. The national Grand Prix went Jean-Marc Moutout for Tout doit disparaître (Every-thing Must Go), highlighting the plight of France's long-term unemployed. And I could not cheer the International Grand Prix for One Sunday Morning, a heavy-handed debut from Britain's Manu Kurewa about a Nigerian asylum-seeker in London fatally refusing to comply with a

By favouring political correctness over invention and neglecting the merits of so many more cinematic entries, the jurors were selling both festival and film-makers short.



Travolta's latest fiction cries out to be pulped

charmed life. Left for dead after too many films featuring talking babies and dogs, he joins the Tarantino bandwagon, acts all mean in Pulp Fiction, and finds his career resurrected.

His earnings skyrocket. People now build films around him, including bad ones like Michael, where he makes his appearance looking seedy, scratching himself, belly hanging out, staggering downstairs to get a beer. Star charisma indeed. But audiences still flock, pushing Michael high up the American box-office chart.

Travolta's Michael is no ordinary slob. He is an angel. sent-from Heaven to the Midwest plains of lowa, where he first uses his powers to demolish a bank and rescue a widow from financial entanglements. Now, in between gulping booze and pouring cups of sugar over his cereal. he aims to spread love and

ohn Travolta leads a harmony among the downcast professionals - two tabloid iournalists, one "angel expert" - sent by the sleazy National Mirror newspaper to nail his

story for page 1. Even when scruffy and a tad overweight, Travoita still maintains his audience appeal, and can attract the ladies just like Michael, who has only to start dancing in a bar before every woman becomes a moth to his flame. But the surrounding story is so ragged, so contrived, that anyone untouched by the man will be rushing headlong towards the cinema exit.

When Frank Capra made the smalltown fantasy of it's a Wonderful Life, he gave the film the power of his own convictions. Nora Ephron, the director and co-writer of Michael, has no vision to guide her, only a list of commercial ingredients. maudlin indulgences and prepackaged whimsies, generated perhaps by computer.

Nothing is remotely believable: one situation jostles another in an airless, fake movie universe. Apart from Travolta, William Hurt and Robert Pastorelli survive the best as the journalists with their jobs on the line Bob Hoskins is loud and boring as the Chicago publisher crack-ing the whip, while Andie MacDowell shimmers with inadequacy as the sharptongued lady who joins in the

The overrated Sleepless in Seattle, Ephron's previous hit, at least wrapped some enjoy ably tart lines around the rolls of movie tinsel; but if a film as lazy, clumsy and artificial as this can find equal popular appeal, civilisation must be in a more parlous state than I thought.

Retro styling is fashionable in Hollywood, particularly in the music field. A few weeks ago Tom Hanks led us back to the early 1960s to watch the rise and fall of a one-hit band in That Thing You Do!, Grace of My Heart takes us on a longer journey, through the late 1950s, 1960s and into the 1970s in the company of a woman singer-songwriter, played by Illeana Douglas. Her fictional name is Denise Waverly; for a real-life source, you could try Carole King. She starts out writing songs

for others in the Brill Building in New York, home to many budding songsmiths who fuelled the new boom in teenage pop. Gradually she exerts her individuality in a male-dominated business. She goes through one marriage, one

Michael Odeon West End PG, 105 mins Travolta's an angel and the film needs a miracle Grace of My Heart Empire, 15, 115 mins

Tuneful ride through the American pop scene Flirt Renoir, 15, 80 mins Hal Hartley's lively

The Phantom Plaza, 12, 100 mins Solid, honest comic-strip thrills

aborted pregnancy and one affair before becoming marooned in California with a Brian Wilson type (played by Matt Dillon) who lets the surf and drugs go to his head. She survives, and so do we.

Hal (Hartley himself).

never negligible.

But it's a close call. In terms of pace and production values, Allison Anders, the writer and director, has taken a big step up from her previous movies, Gas Food Lodging and Mi Vida Loca. This time she has Martin Scorsese on board as executive producer, and Thelma Schoonmaker as supervising editor, to help to drive the images along; although even e two cannot stop the film grinding to a halt in Califor-nia, or hide the pile-up of caricatures and shallow situations that come to surround Waverly's life.

ut if Grace of My Heart is trite, it accompanies the cliches with lively performances and a foot-tapping soundtrack with new songs styled in the old manner and supervised by Karyn Racht-man (she has also arranged Tarantino's soundtracks). Douglas may lack some of the weight needed to carry an entire film, and her singing voice is clearly not her own, but she has quirky vigour in plenty, while, as Denise's manager, John Turturro overcomes the year's strangest haircut (black thatch on top, a dribble of a beard perched on the chin) to find a warm human being under a hustler's

Hollywood does not have the monopoly on formulaic film-making. Independent di-rectors can also fall into ruts, repeating their stylistic ties so often that their films become self-parodies. Hal Hartley, director of Trust and Amateur and lord of skittish characters

ly prone to this. But in the island. Director Simon Wincer and intriguing Flirt, completed in 1995, he almost makes a virtue

his team try nothing fancy. of his fondness for repetition. They set the tale in the 1930s. The film spins three witty adopt a light but never mockand elegant variations on the ing tone, and enjoy making what mayhem they can on a same story of the heart's budget far below Steven affections, of commitment, betrayal and loss. In the first Spielberg's usual sums. Probsection, conceived as a sepa-rate short in 1993, a girl in ably something more spectacular is needed to make an New York gives her man an impression with general audiultimatum: make a commit-ment, or end the relationship. ences; but anyone with a fondness for old serials should He asks for 90 minutes to take The Phantom to heart. think it over, minutes in which

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☐ MICHAEL Damian Samuels, 19: Cheesy and unamusing American schmaltz. Be prepared to

Travolta really has come on over the years. This is an enthralling romp from start to

Robert Peter Hunter, 20: A nauseating slice of American trivia. Proof that the pie really can have too much sugar. Peder Jensen, 19: Very entertaining, but you will hate his

☐ GRACE OF MY HEART Damian: A fine film that gives brilliant John Turturro act alongside Patsy Kensit. Tim: An intriguing, funny and often charming film. Some good performances, but it lacked the emotional depth it needed at the climax.

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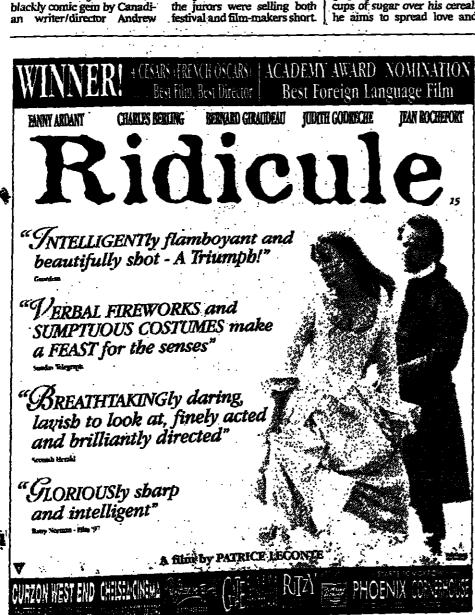
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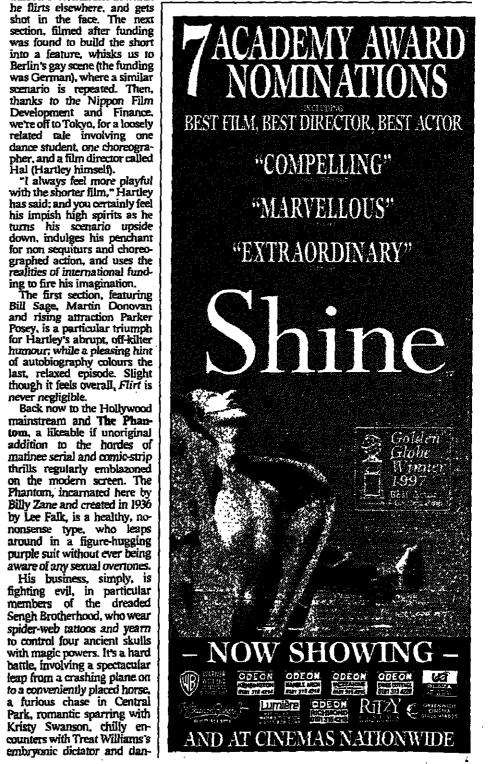
Damian: A big pile of tedious dross that is 80 minutes too long. Far better to buy a can of

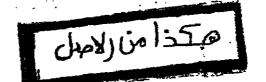
paint and watch it dry.

Tim: I'm afraid that once again director Hal Hartley bored me senseless. A lukewarm plod without even a good explosion at the end. Let me know when it's finished. Robert: A dull, lifeless trilogy that fails to entertain.

couldn't wait for it to end. Peder: A really appalling movie. Every time it repeated itself, it became even more









■ CHOICE 1

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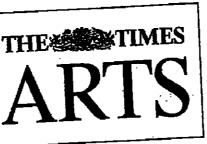
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FRANCO ZEFFIRELLI, prettifier of famous plays and operas, now tackles Charlotte Bronte's novel, with mixed

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friendship, betrayal and, yes, the moral nature of the universe. This is the third major revival of Buffalo in London and, although

Lindsay Posner's production misses a trick or two, it is as well worth seeing as those that brought Jack Shepherd to the National and Al Pacino to the West End. The scene is a Chicago junkshop that, thanks to Joanna Parker's harumscarum set, makes ordinary tat and muddle look like Christie's on Sunday. Don, the owner, plans to send Bob, his ex-junkie gofer, to break into a coin-collector's house and steal an antique nickel he has sold for what may be too little. But Teach, a hustler on his uppers, persuades Don that he is the more experienced, effective burglar, and robs Bob of his big chance.

So what? When Marnet wrote the play in 1975 he was, he said. "angry about the great and small betrayals and ethical compromises called American business". And it's true that the characters earnestly talk of crime as "business", thereby ridding it of dishonourable connotations and obliquely suggesting that business itself may be a form of crime. But Mamet is not a latterday Dreiser itching to trim the capitalist jungle. He is more inter- front-line emotions go into action

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ichard Nelson has written several plays for the Royal Shakespeare Company Anglo-American relations, and here he tackles a theme set during the most obvious declaration of difference, the conflict known variously as the War of the American Rebellion and the War of Ameri-

can Independence. The general of the title is Benedict Arnold who, truly almost single-handed, won the Battle of Saratoga but subsequently tried to hand over West Point, with General George Washington in it, to the



Bob (Neil Stuke), Teach (Douglas Henshall) and Don (Nicholas Woodeson) in Lindsay Posner's revival of David Mamet's brilliant and touching American Buffalo

ested in asking whether friendship, a word much used in the play, is just sentimental cover for opportunism and greed.

That's a good question, for one of the play's successes is its use of the rough, scabrous idiom of Mamet's native Illinois. Language, you feel. is street armour, the means by which people ensure that their

safely camoullaged. To call your victim a four-letter word is to deny him humanity and make fleecing him a positive virtue. Conversely, Teach's more sententious, sanctimonious diction - "loyalty, you know how I am on this, this is great, this is admirable" - is a way of disorientating, ingratiating, manipulating, and evading threats to

The burglary is aborted because the ace criminal slated as helper (and Posner quite misses the humour of this) ends up being mugged. But Douglas Henshall's Teach convinces himself that this failure is the result of a conspiracy involving Neil Stuke's fumbling. flummoxed Bob, and gradually he sucks Nicholas Woodeson's genial Don into the dark, paranoid world

he inhabits. Henshall's acting is excellent: comically hyperthyroid, packed with manic energy and febrile anger, but catching the confusion and desperation beneath. The plot is subtle, but the

denouement is clear. Bob has not betrayed Don: quite the opposite. pled by cavemen and cannibals, as

amid the lower depths of Darwin-ian Chicago. In the most unpretentious of settings Mamet has raised the most basic of questions - do human values exist? - and answered with a cautious, touching,

friendship can survive down there,

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that a sense of one nation awkwardly in the making and another complacently confident comes vivacutely in the contrast between Corin Redgrave's wearily understanding Washington and the Britspy, John Andre (Adam Godley), a fatuous officer promoted beyond his merits because he is the love-object (can this be correct?) of John Woodvine's Sir Henry Clinton. The performances feel right, but something is missing from the play.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Answer to why on Ross

ick Ross is not the first person who would come to mind if one was asked to guess which broadcaster was storming the carpeted corridors of Broadcasting House, demanding the head of the Controller of Radio 4. But one or two newspaper stories this week have suggested that Ross is about to jump ship, apparently enraged by the "revolution" being proposed by James Boyle, the said Controller. The rumour factory is now working nights and weekends to keep up with Rossery.

My own belief is less exciting. I do not think that Ross has contemplated jumping ship, but I do think that he will vacate the cabin he has occupied for a decade, the one with

RADIO

a brass plate labelled Call Nick Ross on the door. The real reason for Ross's discontentment says much about BBC Radio and, in particular, Radio 4.

For a long time, Ross has wanted more say in choosing the subject of his weekly phone in. Producers take ultimate responsibility for content, therefore Ross's producer, Anne Peacock, expects to decide the subject, with or without Ross's approval. The recent difficulties arose because Ross wants a heavier, more political content, whereas Peacock believes the programme needs a broad brush. Clearly, Ross has one eye on the coming general election. As soon as that is called, Call Nick Ross becomes Election Call and Ross will not be presenting that.

Producer-presenter relationships are not easy, and not all of them operate in the same way. Some are more collegiate on subject-matter than others. The Moral Maze panel, for example, attends a dinner the night before each broadcast with the producer, David Coomes, although it is extremely rare for the subject to be changed so

near to transmission. The Ross kerfuffle is essentially a little local difficulty, which will be resolved this week. Ross will probably say tomorrow that he will leave the show at the end of its present run. Reports that Ross, who will be 50 soon, is miffed at not being at the BBC may have some truth. but the notion that he is a victim of the Boyle era is way off the mark.

A fool and the Radio 4 audience are soon parted, and Boyle is no fool. He has announced a "review" of Radio 4 programming over the next three years, but that is hardly a revolution: change or die is as valid a maxim in radio as elsewhere.

PETER BARNARD

Innocent of solid evidence

British, For Americans, his name is down in the deepest pit, alongside that of Judas. Why Arnold resorted to treach-

ery has never been satisfactorily explained, nor does Nelson do so here. In fact, he does less, dramatising some of the circumstances of the man's position (poverty, resentment, a young wife infatuated with English fashion), yet not finding a way to delve

The General from America Barbican Pit

deeply into the murk of his nature. It is not enough to argue that this illustrates the complexity of

Remembering some of the cool-

COMEDY: Leicester scoops a star who disappoints; plus an Irish generation gap opens up

ish reviews the play received at its Stratford premiere last summer, I was happily surprised to find how much of this London transfer I enjoyed. Nelson is able to carry his audience in one direction - for instance, allowing us to suspect that the wife Uo McInnes good performance) is coquettishly un-faithful — and then abruptly turn the situation around to give us an insight into what has really been

going on. He writes sharply etched scenes to provide a social background, but does not give us Arnold's background.

James Laurenson's performance emphasises a blustering element in Arnold, but in what should have been the crucial scene of signing an oath of loyalty he is not given the necessary material. Howard Davies's production does get the balance of performances right, so

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Easy meat for a bird of prey

hen you consider that she started out so explosively as the demented foil to Robert De Niro in The King of Comedy, it seems a little depressing that Sandra Bernhard has yet to progress beyond an undemanding supporting role in Roseanne.

Surely she was born for better things than that. There is a raw, reckless energy in those jolie-laide features -that face must be one of Another Nature's early attempts at creating Julia Roberts - and she is a much, much better singer than her old friend, Madonna.

When she appeared at the Festival Hall two years ago. Bernhard came with a full band in tow. This time, flying in for an exclusive appearance at the Leicester Comedy Festival, she was accompa-

Trank Kelly has every right to be proud of his comic achieve-

ments, the latest and best

known of which, the gangrenous-

looking monosyllabic cleric, Father

Jack in the television series Father

Ted. is not even his funniest. Over a

long career, Kelly has been responsi-

ble for some magnificent laughter

roored in wild, winking caricatures

and ludicrous saures of Irish life. Far

less laudable, however, is Kelly's

decision to build much of his current

stand-up show on material which is

sembled a panto, rather than a

cornedy crowd, with generation-span-

ning family groups, rather than the

familiar rabble of beery twenty and

thirtysomethings. But even if banks of

grannies and grandchildren had

His audience at the Olympia re-

clearly part of that past.

Sandra Bernhard De Montfort Hall, Leicester

nied only by a keyboard player whose sniggering punctuated every sentence. His mirth was understandable. Bernhard can be scorchingly funny, especially on her favourite topic of life behind the smoked glass of the celebrity's stretch limo. Too often, though, the humour is dissipated amid ill-focused bouts of sarcasm that alight on the easiest of prey: Tom Cruise, Demi Moore, Liam Gallagher's love-life.

Renaming the Spice Girls the MSG Girls "because they make you dizzy and nauseous" is not exactly the cutting edge of satire. If your



Born for better things: the reckless Sandra Bernhard

Frank Kelly

Olympia Theatre, Dublin

every occasion. There seems more

than a world, and certainly more than

a couple of decades, between Kelly's

humour and that of younger_trish

comedy workers, such as Dylan

Moran or Kelly's Father Ted to-star,

Ardal O'Hanlon. Where the cornedy

of the younger generation lets person-ality do most of the work. Kelly's

relies heavily on jokes with begin-

nings, middles and ends, often knitted

together with the patter of a stiff MC.

This would not necessarily be a

target is as trivial as Paula Yates, there is no point in reaching for the napalm. Her assault on the Courtney Love-Kurt Cobain love affair, executed with

come for a winter outing, it was mildly irritating to be told, in mid-

February, that it is still almost the

festive season, particularly by way of

an excuse for wheeling out Kelly's

The Twelve Days of Christmas is

the comedian's painfully funny story

of what happens when a charming

Irish girl decides to send all the items

mentioned in the Christmas song to

her true love, leaving the recipient a

broken man and his mother a

Valium-chewing alcoholic. An hilari-

ous epistolary account of the ultimate

awful Yuletide, the piece has been a

pleasure to hear at the end of many

years. It is not, however, good for

great Christmas hit.

Taste of Honey, contained much more subtlety. She also enjoyed tweaking her audience's political sensibilities as she dipped a toe into the murky waters of Asian and anguished segues into A Schlock of the old

back to that particular subject again and again, mocking her newly acquired English accent and her equally new expanses of cleavage.
At the back of Bernhard's mind, perhaps, there lay the uncomfortable thought that she, and not the Material Girl, was the one playing in Leicester that evening. Life

the more frustrating because she is otherwise very adept at exploiting her insider-outsid-

er status. She plays the bratty

Hollywood nonconformist a Ruby Wax with talent and even worse manners - who accepts an invitation to a

fancy Beverly Hills party yet regularly slips outside to tell the gawking crowds how crass and slobbish all the

stars are. Then, of course, she

disappears again, back through the gilded door.

night Bernhard popped up

again, declaring to a chat show host that she is tired of

talking about Madonna. Yet

on the stage, she was drawn

On television later that

CLIVE DAVIS

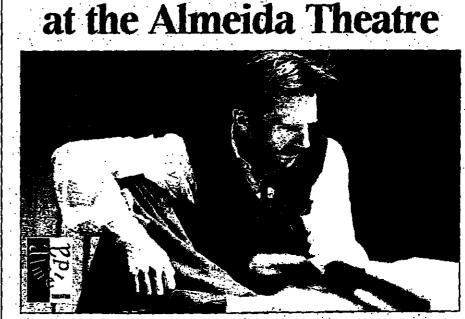
problem if the gags were not so obviously topical jokes and spoofs from many years ago, Any comic is making life hard for himself towards the end of the 1990s if he tries to get laughs from the antiquated figure of firefighter Red Adair, and even more bizarrely from the Charismatic Move- a religious revival at its height about 20 years ago.

never is fair.

Things go little better when Kelly attempts to incorporate something new which makes explicit reference to his Father Ted role. The resulting "song" is a strained, uninspired revue number, the creaky nature of which is in no way hidden by the ritual incantation of Father Jack's catchphrases - or rather words -"drink", "girls", or even "arse".

LUKE CLANCY

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peaders of The Times who enjoy I going to the theatre will be delighted with the chance to win free tickets to see Ralph Fiennes as Ivanov. This new version of Chekhov's least

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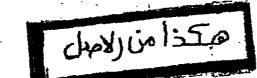
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Michael Levey loses himself among the Renaissance spoils of an Italian architectural jewel

duty is to issue a warning about some of the photographs of Venice included in this book, beginning with that reproduced on its jacket. They are so explicit in their evocation of the city, and so beguiling therefore, that anyone might pass hours in perusal of them without giving any attention to

That is not intended as a reflection on the author. Indeed, as it happens, the memorable; half-melancholy and wholly appropriate jacket photograph, a view silhouette from the Piazzetta and the column

of San Teodoro towards the Giudecca and the Redentore (misidentified as San Giorgio Maggio-re) is credited to

subtitled The Venetian Sense of the Past, which is not only a closer definition of her theme Isince Christianity is also involved) but provides a justification - assuming one is needed - for poring over photographs which support and even add evidence of that sense. Altogether, the book has been most beautifully, and fittingly, designed. What emerges from the skilful combination of words and illustrations is the consistent power of Venice to assimilate spoils from West and East, and like some aquatic bowerbird - to keep titivating its nest down the centuries, well beyond the point, in fact, where this book stops. Thus, visual reinforcement was given to the

This reviewer's first God-appointed but man-directed, destined to last for eternity. Essential to that concept was its serene, unchanging, republican status and ethos, and it would have helped the general reader to be Venice survived intact in 16thcentury Italy while Rome was sacked and Florence shortly afterwards cruelly compelle to surrender as a republic and hecome a Medici dukedom.

The very corporate nature of Venice, where the individual tended to be subsumed in both government and society, is just one of several difficulties Professor Brown's theme con-

fronts. Venice is not the city we **VENICE &** think of first in ANTIQUITY revival of classical antiquity. Fortini Brown and then, unlike the glamorously ISBN 0 300 06700 3 wicked women of late Victorian

drama, lacked a past - at least in terms of a classical antique

But it is precisely in the difficulties of the subject where Venice is concerned, the inevitable complexity, and an inessor Brown has seen - and seized - a brilliant opportuni-ty. Already the author of a book on Carpaccio and narrative painting of his period in Venice, she knows the city well. Some of the fascination of her present work arises from the unexpected, often bizarre, occasionally light-hearted and thoroughly idiosyncratic ways in which antiquity was inter-preted and utilised there, adding evidence of what can only be defined as "venezianita". Perhaps the sheer complexity of the subject caused the



God-appointed but man-directed, destined to last for eternity: Antenor, said to be Venice's founding father - Antenor Founds a City from Guido delle Colonne, Historia Troiana

author to approach it from various angles to examine various facets. She ranges very freely, from topics like the consciousness of time to the fabrication of the past for personal or civic purposes, always with an acute eye for the visual implications. Chronologically, as in choice of artefacts, she ranges widely too: from an early relief at Torcello to Sansovino's familiar Loggetta at the base of the campanile of San Marco, and nearby, the exuberant bronze

flag pole socket-bases sculpted

by Alessandro Leopardi. Yet, although she compares her approach to a tapestry, the general effect is akin more to a series of samplers in petitpoint. No grand, overall sweep is apparent, and the book breaks down into short. detailed essays, all of interest and all of earnest, impressive scholarship, but some distinctly tangential. I detected a certain strain in the introduction of celebrated non-Venetian figures such as Petrarch. Cyriacus of Ancona and Mantegna, and I can't help won-

dering whether Jacopo Bellini's sketchbooks display more than a whimsical interest in classical motifs. It seems odd of the author to end her book. virtually in mid-Renaissance. with little said about Palladio and not even a glance at one of the greatest pictorial propagators of Venetian myth, the painter also of magnificent recreations of classical mythology, Paolo Veronese.

But Professor Brown deserves to be applauded for successfully bringing many aspects of a challenging theme into admirably sharp focus. Formidably erudite as her deepen their feeling. Ultimate

consistently stimulating and warmed by unmistakable affection for the city of its title. Literate but non-expert people who share that affection should not fight shy of the book, for reading it can only ly, and touchingly, it takes its place as one more among innumerable tributes to the spell Venice casts, has long cast and - let us hope - will long continue to cast.

Far from the married crowd

LITERARY biography is a fashionable industry nowa-**Campbell-Johnston** days. But to recreate the life of a poet as a novel seems a bold project. Reality may indeed be as strange as fiction, but it lacks its tightly structured artifice, the convenient twists of contrivance which tauten a plot. And poets, in particular, make difficult subjects. They have already expressed with uniquely idiosyncratic power the ideas and emotions which clothe a narrative. Perhaps it is telling that Penelope Fitz-gerald, acclaimed for The

should have chosen straightforward biography when she came to the poet Charlotte Mew. P. B. Parris is more dar-

Blue Flower, a fictionalised

account of Novalis's life,

ing - or more foolhardy, perhaps. As a culmination of a 15-year fascination for Mew she decides to use this poet's own voice to tell her life story. His Arms Are Full of Broken Things is the fictional autobiography of a neglected writer, a tiny bird-like woman, customarily dressed in her father's cut-down clothes, who was described by Virginia Woolf as "the greatest living poetess". Thomas Hardy - with whom she was infatuated believed her to be the only

writer of his times who

would be remembered after her death. Mew's life of bridled and frustrated passions, culminating in her suicide at the age of 59, lends itself to the storyteller's art. Born into the claustrophobic propri-ety of a Victorian family. she witnessed the slide of her brother and one of her sisters into madness and eventual incarceration in lunatic asylums. She and her remaining sister took a vow never to get married, never to pass their "bad blood" on. Charlotte remained a virgin until the end of her life, finding an outlet for cruelly confused emotions in her exquisitely

delicate but ardent verse. Parris is at her best when recreating Mew's childhood. She captures well the skittering hopscotch imagi-nation and wilful passions of the detached yet rebel-lious little girl who secretly exults in wearing scarlet stockings under sensible black boots. But when Par-

HIS ARMS ARE **FULL OF BROKEN THINGS** By P. B. Parris Viking, £16 ISBN 0.67087315.2



Frustrated passions: Mew

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ris turns to Mew's adult life a tension between a selfconscious concern to explain and to incorporate facts within the necessary fabrications of fiction, jars. Although the novel carefully sketches a portrait of contemporary literary life the infamous Little Yellow Book, bohemian gather-ings, and the difficulties encountered by a woman poet fighting for recognition in a male dominated world - the first person narrative often frames these things unconvincingly.

WHERE Parris is most interesting is where she takes things a step further than Mew's biographer, Penelope Fitzgerald, and sur-mises that Mew had a love affair with Hardy - albeit an unconsummated one. It is indeed true that Hardy kept a copy of one of her poems on his desk and that Mew visited him and his second wife Florence at Max Gate. Parris coyly suggests that much of Hardy's melancholic verse was inspired by his love for Mew, and that she formed a model for Sue Bridehead in Jude the Obscure.

Though for some this will: seem just another brazen assumption in a novel which is already too conjectural, the story of this sad and neglected poet is still moving enough to transcend any awkwardness in the telling and to carry the reader through to the end.

From clothes-horse to Trojan horse

t is 50 years, almost to the day, since the world press promoted the first postwar Paris fashion diktar and the New Look was suddenly upon us. Announced in the spring collections of 1947, it was heralded at the Paris showrooms of Christian Dior by the clang of falling ash-trays, sent flying by the newstyle, full-length skirts of swirling models, parading for a fashion press both delighted and aghast at so sudden a departure from austerity to

Hem lengths were not the only thing to alter. 1947 saw a boom in the market for all luxury goods and blessed by increasingly powerful media, a model could change from being a clothes-horse to becoming a Trojan horse ~ the glamorous promotional front for a variety of industries. Back then, Dior played a fundamental role in the textile mogul Marcel Bousac's burgeoning empire. Today couture is used to promote almost anything from perfumes to

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FORTIES FASHION AND THE NEW LOOK By Colin McDowell Bloomsbury, E20 ISBN 07475 30327 THE CUITING Where the book falls down **EDGE**

Fifty Years of **British Fashion** Edited by Amy de la Haye ISBN 185177 1948

This period in fashion history is examined by two books which accompany the largest historic fashion exhibitions to have been held in London in recent years. For the Imperial War Museum, Colin McDowell has written Forties Fashion and the New Look, while The Cutting Edge: Fifty Years of British Fashion. 1947-1997. provides the background to the exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum. Colin McDowell's book

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looks back to the 1930s, setting the scene for wartime, makedo-and-mend rationing, and on through to postwar austerity. McDowell explores the foundations for the design breakthrough of the New Look and the euphoric and escapist mood which ensured its

is in its poor referencing to sources. "To make a woman feel better, you must make her feel beautiful" is the last sentence in the book. It is an unsourced quote, and perhaps in 1997 it should remain so. but it is a shame that neither the very readable text nor wellproduced pictures are adequately referenced.

Nevertheless, Colin Mc-Dowell has ranged widely in telling the story of every woman and her clothes. An experienced international fashion journalist, he is in touch with the waman on the street, the lady in the trade, and passes easily from Bond Street to Seventh Avenue, and the Champs Elysées. Edited by Amy de la Haye,

The Cutting Edge looks at the contributions of British fashion and its designers from 1947 to the present day. It examines these under the headings of: line tailoring, romantic dress. bohemian or fanciful styling and country clothes, each of which is the subject of an article by different authors. The clear and comprehensive introduction by Ms de la Haye defines the categories and sets current British fashion in its social, economic, administrative and educational context. Designers as diverse as Norman Hartnell, Hardy Amies, Mary Quant, Zandra Rhodes, Jean Muir. Vivienne Westwood and Tommy Nutter

Accessories, hats, handbags, shoes and underwear also have their space. But the

are interviewed.



Make-do-and-mend: the ration book, an essential part of wartime couture [1944]

for the diversity of the subjects. resulting in a rather simplistic inventorial approach. The book is also a little blinkered with regards to influences from overseas: the Italian contribution to shoe and handbag design, for example, deserves comment as does the American contribution to underwear design, which has been unduly marginalised.

It is very much the book of the exhibition, and the high quality illustrations are an anthology of the late 20thcentury museum collections both fashion illustrations and photography as well as lash-

ion and textiles. The original aim of the V&A was to improve the standard of national taste and, of course, the demand for ex-

on and off the world fashion stage. It is a happy thought that the publication of this book coincides with the career move of two of the linest young British designers in the world today: Galliano to Dior and McQueen to Givenchy. Both of them "buy British" - may they not be the last to do so.

ports. Over the past 50 years

British designers have popped

A Good Book but lacking in family values

THE subtifle proclaims this to be A new reading of the Book of Genesis. It will certainly be so for those whose impressions are derived from picture books of Noah's Ark or from Joseph and his Technicolored Dreamcoat falas, as here, translated as a robe with long sleeves). For those with a closer acquaintance with this compilation of ancient stories, occurring in a variety of versions, combined but imperfectly reconciled by the eventual editors, there will be less occasion for surprise. Genesis is powerful, primeval, patriarchal, it is quite often morally questionable, as Marcion pointed out in the 2nd without prior notice. Tick box if you prefer not to receive details of other offers century. As in any account of divine election survived from without, God's

John Polkinghorne

IN THE BEGINNING By Karen Armstrong HarnerCollins, EH.99 ISBN U006280145

choices can seem strange and arbitrary, Genesis is not a book full of illustrations of good "family values": think of Jacob and Esau, or Joseph and his brothers. The book has about it a good deal of the untidiness and

strangeness of life. Armstrong takes the reader through all this in a sequence of short chapters.

She tells the stories at face value, with some faux naiveté and anachronism resulting at times. The meat of this 20th-century reading lies in the comments that accompany the stories, which are nearly always interesting and often insightful. The stance is heavily influenced by Jung and particularly by the latter's belief in the "shadow side" of God. Armstrong writes: "One of the problems of monotheism has been its reluctance to accept evil in the divine." She makes use of the Jewish idea of the petrer hara, the evil inclination that the rabbis saw as part of God's creation (just as Satan, in Job, is part of the

heavenly court). A contemporary

Christian reading would have had to wrestle with all the problems that Armstrong brings out so clearly, but it would have made different responses to them. Part of that response would have involved a greater acknowledge-ment of the effects of the historical and cultural settings of the writings, and part a refusal to read Genesis as a separate book, divorced from the rest of scripture.

One third of the text is taken up by reprinting a translation of Genesis, presumably just in case the reader did

not know where to find it. John Polkinghorne's latest book. Beyond Science, is published by Cambridge **NEW AUTHORS** Publish Your Work ALL SUBJECTS CONSIDERED Paries, Non-Facion, Reporter. Religious, Poetry, Children's AUTHORS WORLDARDE WATER **WINERVA PRESS**

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Not a mother to Marilyn

by left-wing boys that I can't because I have no proletarian experiences, I often wonder how many of them, at the age of 17, have been sent to pawn false teeth - parental false

Edith Sitwell was a mouthpiece of English poetry for 40 years. Until her death in 1964, she recited, she lectured, she broadcast, she harangued. and she declaimed her famous 1923 poem, Façade, through a

Everything about Edith was amplified: her height, she was six feet tall; her ancestry, there had been Sitwells at Renishaw

Hall, Derbyshire, since 1660; her family, her brothers Osbert and Sacheverell were as conspicnous as she; her robes and outsize jewellery; her intensely dramatic friendships; and

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her work, which received a great deal of attention, much

These letters do not reveal Edith at her normal size according to the popular idea of the person versus the myth, rather they inscribe her peculiarly Alice-in-Wonderland character of one who seems to shrink away to nothing, only to tower over surroundings a moment later. This combination of vulnerability and dominance made her friends love her. To her critics it was all part of the sham.

She had plenty of critics: Geoffrey Grigson, Julian Sy-mons (who pursued her literally to death's door). F.R. Leavis, of whom she wrote with good humour: "Hot water is my natural element as far as Dr Leavis is concerned."

For a while Stephen Spender derided her work, and she said of him: "When he is not sentimental he is hysterical." Her collection, Street Songs which included the tremendous 1941 war poem, Still Falls the Rain, won him to her, and during the war they became fast friends, he supporting her work and she knitting for his baby.

Opinions about Edith Sitwell's work were, and are still, rather mixed. Edith loved to do battle with what she called the "pipsqueaks", and she was regularly aided in her sallies by her brothers, even to the extent of running a libel suit against a journalist who was forced to pay damages for implying that the Sitwells were of no further interest.

Her fighting spirit sprung out of the simple sense of justice that caused her to arm herself on behalf of anyone she felt was being given a rotten deal. What is clear and surprising from the letters is how tirelessly Edith worked for anyone she believed in. Dylan Thomas and William Walton are well known but there were many now obscure people whom Edith took to heart. usually by sending them

money when she knew she couldn't afford it. There is a lot in SELECTED these letters LETTERS OF about money. **EDITH SITWELL** Her mother, Lady Ida, was Edited by sent to Holloway Richard Greene for a few weeks Virago, £20 ISBN 186049255X on charges of forgery, while Edith herself, in

> Hollywood to earn a fortune. The fortune did not materialise but Marilyn Monroe did, much to the delight of the press, with whom Edith was furious as usual: "One of their lower grade mental defectives rang up and asked: 'Is Miss Monroe going on the same boat as you to England? A Calcutta paper says I live only to be a mother to Miss Monroe^{**}.

Maternal feeling was not Edith's strong suit. On a memorable train journey, she wrote: "The whole train was a shricking hooting whistling mass of infant imbeciles. As you know, I haven't the unnatural love of children that affects some women. By the time I arrived I was longing for another Herod."

Her own childhood had been loveless and bizarre. Her father had wanted a male heir. her mother, only 18, had wanted no child at all. Edith, who was gawky, was locked up at night in a steel body-cage designed to correct her spine. Growing up, she found her mother distant and her father tyrannous. In early instructions about her funeral, she directed: "Please see to it that I am cremated. The other thing would be too much like living

Amusing, painful, these letters are very entertaining,



course they were: the two superpowers, with the third hovering in the wings, were too focused upon each other to spare much thought for the fabric of the world itself. Yer the environmentalist movement was, in a way, bullish. "Neither Right nor Left — but out in front!", the Green Party of Germany proclaimed. Somehow they felt that when confrontation ended we would at last acknowledge the need to put our global house in order and pursue, post haste, the goal of sustainable Well, the Cold War officially ended in 1989 along with the Soviet Union, with even China joining the quasi-unified glob-al market — and yet, says Tom Athanasiou, things have not worked out for the Greens at all. The new economy simply is not designed to take account of the environment. Whatever is common — land, water, air — is treated as a freebie. Whoever is unsuited to the market - nomads, aborigi-

nals, poor people in general are simply shrugged aside. The Earth Summit of 1992 that was intended to put the world to rights was a fdismal anticlimax". All the truly serious clauses were eliminated -"the US and its allies insisted on cutting all carbon dioxide targets and targets from the climate treaty . . . The master treaty, Agenda 21, hyped as the environment Magna Carta, somehow manages to omit any discussion of greening the international trade system, or disarmament, or any means by which global inequity might actually be reduced." Overall, in the words of the German Green Wolfgang Sachs: "A barrier broke and nothing came through."

Meanwhile, the big companies, now more powerful than nations, practise "greenwashing" — with great effect; as one sceptic commented: "People really seem to think that Exxon is cleaning up its

red one green

Colin Tudge

SLOW RECKONING By Tom Athanasion Secker & Warburg, £12,99 ISBN 0436202824

wise-use" campaign goes from strength to strength and aims, in the words of one of its leaders, "to destroy the environmental movement once and for all". Indeed, with the Cold War over, environmentalism seems to have taken over from communism as the



Then as now: activist (1987)

So what's to be done? On details Tom Athanasiou is vague but he does suggest. quoting William James, that we need "a moral equivalent of war' - only this time a war of co-operation, a war to save the Earth. That is what it will take". In short, our cosy conceit that a compost heap and an occasional trip to the bottlebank will do the trick is a horrible piece of self-deception. Everyone who really cares should read Slow Reckoning, and think on.

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interested in characterisation

Paying for it in sweat

READING Chris Matthews's engaging account of the rivalry between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon is like sitting in the back of a bar with an old-fashioned Irish politician, listening to vintage campaign stories that grow more pungent with age.

Matthews doesn't spend much time trying to deliver on his subtitle: he's not one to confect weighty speculations about how the two men's lifelong competition "shaped postwar America". As a former Democratic political operative himself. Matthews is more intent on bringing to life Kennedy all Nixon as working politicians men in the arena, as Theodore Roosevelt put it.

In that ambition, he delivers very ably. Matthews is a good companion with a knack for the telling detail and the bright turn of phrase. From the start, he displays a clear sense of his protagonists. The rivalry between Kennedy and Nixon, he aptly writes, pits "a Mozart against a Salieri". Kennedy was the golden boy of postwar American life, a man who conquered all worlds - from politics to the bedroom - and all without ever apparently breaking a sweat. Nixon always seemed to be sweating, with exertion, anxiety, envy. "If Americans viewed John F. Kennedy as their shining hero." Matthews writes, "they also recognised the five o'clock shadow of Richard Nixon in the fluorescent light of their bathroom mirror."

In fact, as Matthews shows, Nixon and Kennedy had more in cumon than met they eye. As fond World War veterans, both were elected to Congress in 1946. Until Kennedy narrowly bested Nixon in the 1960 presidential campaign, the two considered themselves friends. Both were lierce Cold Warriors, both were convinced that politics was the conduct of war by other means;



many bave not been published

before, and they give the reader a great hubbub of life,

literary and cultural, in London and Paris, from Mod-

The problem with the book

is a scanty introduction, no

biographical details at all and

no chronology of Edith Sit-

well's life or her work. There is

no bibliography, no list of

Sitwell work in print, in fact

nothing to help the curious

reader to find his/her way.

Victoria Glendinning's biogra-

phy, A Unicorn Among Lions,

should be recommended, not

out of earnestness but for

pleasure. There is so much fun

and fight in Edith Sitwell and

her work that it would be a

pity to miss any of it.

emism to Beat poetry.

Nominees Kennedy and Nixon make ready for battle (1960)

Ronald Brownstein

KENNEDY & NIXON The Rivalry that Shaped Postwar America By Christopher Matthews

Simon & Schuster, £16.99 ISBN 0684 81030-1

both were disdainful of the liberal press and social establishment they found in the capital.

Yet they came to that shared contempt from divergent perspec-tives that shaped their lives throughout. Born to wealth, Kennedy had the cool contempt of a conqueror: he could disdain the Establishment because he had seen its pretensions and frailties from the inside. Nixon - the southern California boy forced to turn down his scholarship to Harvard because his parents couldn't afford the room and board - was forever the outsider pressed against the glass,

burning with resentment. Kennedy was liberated by his disdain, Nixon imprisoned Kennedy ruthlessly pursued his personal ambitions and political goals, unintimidated by anyone. Nixon was just as relentless, but he was a prisoner of his own resentmentsa rage against his political enemies that ultimately consumed him in the Watergate scandal. Probably more words have been

written about Kennedy and Nixon than any other modern American leaders, and Matthews inevitably reploughs some well-worn ground. But through interviews and industrious digging in the archives, he has found fresh material that Illuminates his familiar characters from new angles. Particularly moving is an exchange of letters after Nixon invited Jacqueline Kennedy and her two young children back to the White House for the first time in years: You will always be welcome in This House," Nixon wrote to young John Kennedy after leading him through the office where he had once famously

played under his father's desk. Yet the man capable of that tenderness also sought to place spies on the secret service detail assigned to the last Kennedy brother - Teddy - in the hopes of discovering a personal indiscretion that would destroy him. Nixon may indeed be a tragic figure, but he is one who fully earned his disgrace, In American iconography, the common sense of the common man always trumps the airs of the elite, This story inverts that folk wisdom. John Kennedy, heaven knows, had his ethical blindspots too; but in the end, the child of privilege had a more reliable moral compass than the champion of the silent majority.

Stranger than fact? Dirty dealings in the art world

need adverbs, how much description is just enough

The weakness -- fatal, in my view - stems from the fact that it is written in the first person. Since it is the narrator who is in deadly combat with the villain, the outcome is never in doubt (he must win in order to write the book), there is no tension even when the most dreadful things are hap-

Peter Watson FEAR OF THE DOG

Todd decides to kill Acton

By Neil Tidmarsh Signet, £5.99 ISBN 0451 189337 pening to Todd, and the subplots have fizzled out so long before that the ending is

horribly - disastrously wrong. The deaths in the book are original and suitably gory and the set-up is admirably meticulous. However, insofar as the twist in the tail removes the romantic element, our interest levels off at the very point when it ought to be

taking wing. There is less art background than you might expect, the author obviously being more

than chiaroscuro. There is nothing wrong with that, but it does mean that the promise of the book's blurb, to take us into "the darkest depths of London's art world", could not be further from the truth.

What we have here is a wellwritten novel with deep structural faults - an unthrilling thriller, an amputated (and therefore ultimately disappointing) love story, and a villain who is too bad to be true, given Mr Tidmarsh's obvious intelligence.

I suspect he has set his sights too low and should be more ambitious next time. Peter Watson's book Sotheby's is

Three weddings and a funeral

Ann Thwaite

NICHOLAS TODD, the nar-

rator of Fear of the Dog, is a lawyer-turned-artist living in the proverbial garret where it

is always either freezing or baking. Tony Acton is his

oczing charm and, from page

one, the villain of the piece.

Why is it always the dealer

who is the bad guy in art

thrillers? One or two real-life

artists have been, shall we say,

less than perfect (Fra Lippo

Lippi, Caravaggio, Domeni-

chino, for example) and it

would be refreshing to have a change from this all too famil-

Tidmarsh's strength in this

book is the clarity and simplic-

ity of his writing. He knows

iar scenario.

VICTORIAN GIRLS Lord Lyttelton's Daughters By Sheila Fletcher Hambledon Press, £25 ISBN 185285 150 3

The girls are subdued. vague and sweet," Peter Quennell wrote 60 years ago in Victorian Panorama, describing a typical family photograph, and so the four Lyttelton girls look in The Old Dozen, the portrait of the 4th Lord Lyttelton's 12 children by his first wife. The boys, on the other hand, look arrogant and careless, lounging around, legs crossed, hands in pockets. They would grow up to include a bishop, a general, and Head Master of Eton and a Cabinet minister. (This last was Alfred, the baby of the group, and most brilliant of all.) The three girls who survived became wives, and two of them mothers. What else was there after all, as George Eliot said of Dorothea Brooke, that they could have done? Their role was to succour and advance the

Sheila Fletcher has transformed a mass of almost entirely unpublished papers (mainly letters and diaries from the Lyttelton, Talbot and Gladstone families) into a readable narrative, which confirms just how much young women, however clever and strong-minded, were limited by the expectations and conventions of their time. One of the ironies of the book, to which Sheila Fletcher draws attention in her preface, is that Lord Lyttelton, who in 1869 headed the Endowed Schools Commission and was instrumental in establishing the first grammar schools for girls, gave his daughters just the sort of "slipsloppy" education which he officially castigated. "How it makes me gnash my teeth not knowing Greek!" Lucy said to her father.



To succour the men: The Old Dozen, Lord Lyttleton's children outside Hagley Hall (circa 1860) hang over their happiness. The

who was in the habit of translating Milton into Greek iambics on the hunting field.

The boys went from Eton to Cambridge. The girls left the schoolroom as soon as they were 17; after that it was up to them as far as serious things were concerned. They went on with dancing, singing and Italian lessons. and a certain amount of doing good. But it was the country visits and the London seasons which mattered most, intended to match

the girls with suitable husbands. Much of the book is concerned with the affairs of the girls' hearts. Both Meriel and Lavinia married Talbots, close family friends. Lucy's bridegroom was Lord Frederick Cavendish, second son of the Duke of Devonshire, For many readers the shadow of the "Phoenix Park murders" will inevitably

shadow for Lucy herself was the fact that the marriage was childless. Meriel ended up with ten. When her twins were born ("the poor little unwelcome couple" Lucy called them), Lyttelton admitted "a wish that it may be put a stop to". As for Lucy, she would live alone for another 43 years after Lord Frederick was hacked to death on the very day he arrived in Dublin, sent by Lucy's uncle,

William Gladstone, as Secretary of

State for Ireland. At 17, Lucy had written in her diary: "Oh, the deep sadness Of the flying oara." Death is a constant presence in the book. although May, the third sister. was the only one who died young. Their mother had died not long after Alfred's birth, and one by one the girls tried to take her place at

the heart of the family, running Hagley (their house in Worcestershire), worrying over servants and brothers. Eventually Lyttelton married again, which caused more and different problems. "He never would teach me anything," the second wife said, yet tributes on his death were above all to "the services Lord Lyttelton rendered to the cause of the education of women". His suicide, and the shocking manner of it, is the most surprising thing in the book.

The Lytteltons were more conventional than their Gladstone cousins. None of the women would justify a whole biography as Mary Gladstone would. All the same, there is a great deal in this study to reward our curiosity.

Ann Thwaite's book Emily Tennyson: The Poet's Wife, is published by Faber

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KERALA, southern India. for £479 for a fortnight's B&B in a guesthouse with a flight from Gatwick on March 9, is available from Inspirations. A fortnight in Goa with the flight from Manchester the day before costs the same. Details: 01293 822244.

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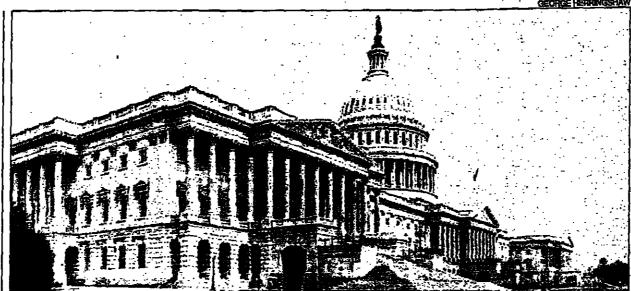
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routes. For example, New York-LosAngeles costs £125 one way and New York-Miami is priced at £65. De-tails: 01444 415472.

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■ IRISH FERRIES has halved fares on its Pembroke-

TICKETS to see Riverdance -The Show, at the Edinburgh Playhouse, are included in a two-night break at the King James Thistle Hotel in the city. The price of £130 a person includes accommodation. breakfast, one dinner and the

tickets. Offer available until May 17. Details: 0131-556 0111.

TWO-NIGHT Easter breaks at 24 hotels in London are offered by Highlife Breaks, with a 30 per cent discount on a third night's accommodation. Prices start at E72 a person for two nights. Details: 0800 700400.

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FREE MEALS at seven London restaurants in the capital's three Inter-Continen-tal Hotels are available to members of the hotel group's Preference Club programme. Membership at £99 plus VAT for a year entitles the cardholder to dine free when accompanied by another guest who is also eating. Details: 0800 181169.

A E25 shopping voucher is included in the Time To Spend weekend offer from the Berkeley Hotel in Knights-bridge. Price for any weekend night for two people is £295 a room, including breakfast and

health club and spa. Details: 0171-235 6000.

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SUVRETTA House in St Monitz and the Grand Hotel Zermatterof in Zermatt, located at opposite ends of the Alps, are again linking up this summer to offer a two-centre package connected by the daily Glacier Express train. Prices start at £699 a person from June 28 and includes three nights at each hotel halfboard, plus transfers. Details: 00 41 27 966 6600.

SEE Sunset Boulevard in London before it closes. Superbreaks Mini Holidays is offering best available seats to see the show and accommodation at the four-star Grafton Hotel for any Monday to Thursday night until April 3. Price is £99.50 a person before end of February and E105 a person thereafter. Details: 01904 679999.

CALCOT Manor in the Cotswolds has a "great antique" five-night programme between March 23 and 28, including guest lecturers on transport to all locations during the show. Price is £740 a person based on double occupancy. Details: 01666 890391.

man Hotel in central London has a Mother's Day offer available on the night of Saturday, March 8, priced at £179.50 a room and including a jazz brunch on the Sunday with a surprise gift. The usual brunch rate alone is £19.50 a person. Details:

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LOW COST INTERN

British head for hills as sterling's rise continues

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

THE continuing strength of the pound has led to a resurgence in holiday bookings to the mountains of France and the traditional ski resorts of Austria and Switzerland.

As Britain's inbound tourist numbers plunge because of sterling's rise, those heading abroad for their holidays are cashing in on increases of up to 25 per cent in their spending power. Thomson reports that bookings for summer breaks in the Austrian lakes and mountains have gone up by 48 per cent compared with last year and inghams has had to add flights to cope with a 25 per cent leap in demand.

Andrew Russell of Inghams says: "Dramatic expansion in this particular market is virtually unheard of. But the current exchange rates mean that Britons get more Austrian schillings and Swiss francs for their money, and that is one of the reasons that sales are strong this year."

He says that the general improvement in the British economy and some of the best snow conditions for many years have also boosted the number of people heading for the mountains. He adds: "A lot of people who would take only one wintersports holiday in a season are squeezing in a second, or even a third."

David Hearns of the Ski Club of Great Britain says conditions are now "pretty wonderful" throughout the Alps. There has been a lot of snow in the last week and it was snowing heavily in Austria until lunchtime," he says. News of these superb conditions is filtering through, and off by indifferent conditions on the lower slopes in Austria are

now going."

Even low-level pistes will now remain open until Easter.

he predicts, and higher-level slopes "might stay open as long as they want."

In the past 12 months the pound has strengthened sharply so that it now buys

SwFr2.32 compared with only 1.84 last year, a 26 per cent change. The Austrian schilling is 20 per cent cheaper, at 18.98 to the pound, compared with 15.86 a year ago, and the French franc is 9.10, compared with 7.74 in 1996 — an 18 per

Pascal St Père, the French Government Tourist Office's director, says the number of direct inquiries made to the London headquarters have leapt by 21 per cent compared with the same time last year. The turnaround is remarkable," he says. "In January last year we had 10,500 phone inquiries but this year they have risen to 12,700. We are getting the same

feedback from tour operators, who all claim that bookings are well up compared with last than they were last year because of the involvement of Brittany Ferries in marketing them and because the value of the pound in France is rising all the time.

.Thomson says that late bookers are now finding perfect conditions on the pistes and good value for money in the restaurants and cafés near

At this time last year, a Coca-Cola cost the equivalent France and £1.73 in Switzerland. This year the prices have fallen to EI.31, 87p and EI.37 respectively. A glass of wine, which last year cost £1.89 in Austria, £1.67 in France and £2.71 in Switzerland is now, according to Thomson, £1.58, £1.42 and £2.15 in Soll, Val Thorens and Verbier respec-

Even more noticeable is the reduction in the price of food. A two-course meal in France will now cost an average of £10.98 compared with £12.91 a year ago, and a hot main course in Switzerland has dropped from £8.15 to £6.46.

Sieve Garley, commercial director of Thomson, says "The exchange rate has had a very significant effect on people's decisions about where to go. A family of four might easily have had to spend, for example, £100 on a single meal in Switzerland last year. The bill for the same meal would be £25 lower this year and that is an important saving indeed."

Tour operators will soon be buying their foreign currency for next winter's holidays, which they will then use to pay for hotel or chalet accommodation. If the present trend continues, they will be able to make huge savings compared with this winter, whatever happens to exchange rates in the meantime.

This in turn will mean that many brochure prices will be lower next year than this - a move spotted by thousands of canny holidaymakers from the UK, who have already boosted bookings for both the coming summer

British holidaymakers - but for different reasons. Nick Van Gruisen, the managing director of Worldwide Journeys, says: "While the players found the country strange and bewildering, tourists are finding it's not wild enough. Wonderful places like

ZIMBABWE is losing its ap-

peal and being replaced by Zambia and Tanzania as fa-

vourite offbeat African holiday

destinations, according to a survey this week by World-wide Journeys and Expedi-

The company, which offers

exotic and adventurous holi-

days to Asia and the Americas

as well as Africa, also reports a

fourfold increase in bookings

to Peru with Costa Rica and

the Galapagos Islands gain-

Just as England's cricketers

lost their enthusiasm for Zim-

babwe on a disastrous tour

earlier this winter, so too are

swamped with tourists flown

in on charter flights and the

BRITISH AIRWAYS is plan-

ning to scrap its 21-year-old

"turn up and go" guarantee on

shuttle flights from the middle

of next month as part of a

thorough overhaul of its do-

mestic services, the biggest for

The moves include the intro-

duction of electronic ticketing.

more scheduled services and

improvements to aircraft and

terminals. But they have al-

ready been sharply criticised

by a leading business travel

agent as likely to cause "confu-

sion and inconvenience" for

Jim Tweedie, the director of client services for Carlson

a decade.

BA ends walk-on

guaranteed seat

By David Churchill.

ing in popularity.

Better roads, hotels and air services have helped to make Tanzania a more popular destination for Britons

Zimbabwe falls from favour

RY TONY DAWE

country has also become more expensive. destinations.

People who regularly travel long-haul are looking for something even more unusual or adventurous than their last trip. So those who have visited Zimbabwe or Botswana are now looking at Tanzania or Zambia, while people who traditionally travelled east for adventure are starting to disover Peru, Costa Rica and the Galapagos Islands."

Van Gruisen also reports a growing trend to combine adventure with a few days relaxation on the beach, with tourists who visit southern Tanzania, for example, mixing game viewing and hushwalking in Selous and Ruaha National Parks with three days in a luxury resort on the

Bill Adams, chairman of the African Travel and Tourism Association, says that better roads, hotels and air services have helped to make Tanzania

and Zambia more popular

"In real terms," he adds. holidaying in Tanzania today costs no more than a decade ago, but tourists benefit from much higher quality holidays and a dramatically improved infrastructure, especially in the south. In Zambia, big developments in internal air services have made a lot of areas, which were difficult to

reach, more accessible." Adams, the director of Safari Consultants, adds that Botswana is losing popularity because of increased prices, the recent boom in travel to South Africa is levelling out and Kenya is making a comeback as discerning holidaymakers discover places which the package tours miss out.

We are seeing more and more people wanting to choose their own itineraries and stay in small exclusive lodges such as Tortilis and Ol Donyo Wuas in Kenya and Tongabezi in Zambia," says Nigel Vere Nicoll, chief execu-tive of Wild Africa Safaris. Outside Africa, Mr Van

Gruisen reports that Peru is becoming more popular because its fabulous Inca sites and breathtaking scenery remain relatively unspoils. He says: The Galapagos Islands are also attracting more tour-ists as they realise they can play catch with the sea turtles. swim with sharks and discover equally wonderful creatures and plants on land."

Just as Kenya is regaining popularity in Africa, Nepal is back as a top Asian destination, according to the Worldwide Journeys boss. "The country suffered from a view that too many tourists were spoiling its greatest attractions and that it was politically unstable," he says.

"But tourists are beginning to recognise that nowhere else in the world can you trek at 9,000ft, go white-water rafting and visit the wonders of Kathmandu Valley."

Flyers deserve greater safety

am not a nervous flyer but I know that many airline passengers harbour terrible lears. Recent official reports and statistics may give them good cause. Last year was the worst for fatal airline accidents. There were 57 crashes in which 1,840 people died - 40 more than in 1985, which was the previous worst on record.

There are, of course, caveats. Of the 57 fatal accidents, 45 involved airlines registered in what are known as "developing economy" countries. So that part of the world which carries about 12 per cent of the world's airline traffic produced 80 per cent of the accidents. Twenty of the crashes involved freight, or other operations not involving passengers. But still the total number of accidents and deaths is rising. And many more aircraft are in the skies

now than ever before. In the latest issue of The Log, the journal of Balpa, the pilots' union, Bill Archer, the union's vice-chairman, voices his disquiet over "a black year for aviation safety". He wor-



ries that the era when safety was of paramount importance, regardless of cost, may be ending and that "today's demand for cheap travel, political objectives or deregul-ation, privatisation, competition and profit all compete with investment in safety and change the very bedrock upon which the industry was born and has developed".

If Mr Archer, a senior BA Boeing 747 training captain and leader of all Europe's commercial pilots, is worried, is it any wonder his passen-gers are also worried?

His concerns also echo those of the Air Accident Investigation Branch (AAIB) which has recently criticised a string of maintenance errors that almost led to disaster.

Now it reports that a Boeing 737 approaching Heathrow was thrown into a violent 50-degree roll by the wake from a Boeing 767 it was following at a distance of more than six miles. This exceeded the normal five-mile separation limit and must make one question how close together aircraft can safely fly. Yet as the landing rate at main airports increases, pressure is mounting to force aircraft ever closer.

There have been too many similar worrying incidents. And as the skies get busier and accountants tighten their control, the need for more dispassionate vigilance becomes urgent. The Civil Avia-tion Authority (CAA) and the AAIB are held in international high regard for their expertise and for persuading others to act swiftly to prevent any potential safety problem from

becoming reality. However, the CAA has become little more than a cog in a single European-wide safety organisation. Now it must wait for the slowest of the 26 countries that are members of the European Joint Aviation Authorities to agree to some new demand, rather than act unilaterally - and therefore

Europe's ponderous safety "club" to follow.

of £1.57 in Austria, £1.04 in Bookings heavy for early Easter ski and sun trips the Victoria Falls are being

BY TONY DAWS

EASTER holidays are rapidly selling out as the nean are still available but for those looking for travel boom continues and Britons plan a break a holiday in the Canaries, only a flight from in the sun or on the ski slopes to cheer Manchester to Tenerife on Easter Sunday

Leading travel agents and tour operators all - lic are still on offer."
report that Easter bookings are ahead of last

Lunn Poly confirm year and that people still-wanting to travel cannot be choosy about dates and destinations. Some are even recommending that families book a May Bank Holiday break rather than

rely on getting what they want at Easter. Thomson, Britain's largest holiday company, says it has sold 90 per cent of its Easter programme, and destinations including Florida, the Caribbean and the Canary Isles are

almost completely booked up. Cosmos reports that it has sold far more Easter holidays than at the same time last year while the high street travel agents Going Places and Lunn Poly also advise those still planning a

holiday to book as quickly as possible. Andrew Windsor, the director of retail operations at Thomas Cook, says: "With rigid school holiday dates in place, most people have already taken advantage of the discounts available earlier in the year.

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A Thomson spokeswoman says: "Easter is always a very popular time especially for family holidays, but this year is proving exceptional. "Some pockets of Spain and the Mediterra-

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Travel Tips

themselves up during the gales sweeping the remains, while for the Caribbean only some flights from Gatwick to the Dominican Repub-

Lunn Poly confirms that the Canary Islands and-Florida are popular with people snapping up sunshine breaks but the UK's largest travel agency still has some Easter holidays available

to these destinations. They include a formight's First Choice selfcatering holiday in Tenerife for £1,680 for a family of four and a fortnight in Florida with Unijet in a hotel close to Disney World for £1,948 for a family of four. Both holidays start

with flights from Gatwick on March 21. Tropical Places reports that few seats are left on its long haul holidays over Easter but it still has space on a fortnight's all-inclusive holiday to the Rex Grenadian Hotel, Grenada, costing £1,269 a person with a flight from Gatwick on March 19. A fortnight at the Frigate Bay Hotel on the unspoilt Caribbean island of St Kitts is also available for £829 with a flight from Gatwick on March 24.

Tony Bennett, Going Places managing director, says: "Easter is so early this year that it is still possible to take a winter skiing break over the holiday and it also fits in with people wanting a late winter sunshine break."

Discounts halted

By Steve Keenan

• Adrian Hamilton at the top end of Australia BRITAIN'S second biggest travel agency is ending discounts on summer holidays because of a boom in bookings. Going Places will stop discounts of up to 10 per cent from Monday after industry figures showed that sales are up by one third on last year.

There are 8.5 million package holidays on sale this year from tour operators, the same number as in 1996. By Febru-ary 15, about 4.2 million had been sold, compared with 3.3 million at the same time last year. Going Places, which has 715 travel shops, said the

demand for summer holidays meant there was no further need to offer discounts. Tony Bennett, the managing direc-tor, said: "We have said all along that the market is ahead and capacity is going to be tight, so there is no need to carry on discounting like this."

The biggest travel agent, Lumn Poly, and its rivals refused to say whether they would copy Going Places' tactics. But if rivals do not follow the lead, it is expected that Going Places will revert to discounting through fear of losing market share.

Wagonlit Travel, said: "The end of the well-established system whereby travellers could simply turn up at the airport and be guaranteed a seat on the shuttle will inconvenience many business travellers who often have to change their flight at the last minute. This, in addition to the other changes being made, will cause a degree of confu-sion as well as lead to higher costs for the corporate travel-

many travellers.

BA said that the decision to end the guaranteed seat on shuttle flights to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester and Belfast after 21 years was made because 80 per cent of

ler from the extra work in-



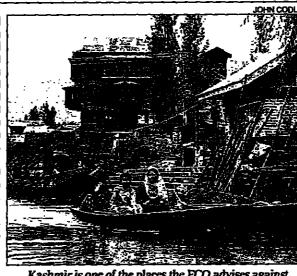
shuttle seats were already booked in advance. In addition, the airline said that bigger aircraft and more frequent services meant that most passengers were likely to get the flight of their choice.

From March 12, all shuttle seats will have to be booked in advance, aithough anyone who turns up at the airport may still be able to get onto a flight if space is available. Mr Tweedie added: "But it

means for the popular business flights at certain times of the day, many executives will not be able to get on if they leave it too late to book." BA is also phasing out its

popular Timesaver tickets which enable regular shuttle travellers effectively to "write their own ticket" for a domestic flight. However, it has responded to pressure from Carlson and agreed to end this from April 30 rather than March 12 as planned. The overall changes being

introduced by BA are part of the move towards total "ticketless travel" on its domestic and possibly European flights. In addition to investment in new electronic ticketing machines, the overhaul, budgeted to cost £10 million, includes more scheduled flights from Gatwick, upgraded aircraft and improved lounges at regional airports.



Kashmir is one of the places the FCO advises against

Britons, stay away

FOURTEEN countries and millions of square miles of the Earth's land surface have effectively been put out of bounds to British travellers. Harvey Elliott writes.

The Foreign Office (FCO) now advises against travel to 14 countries and savs that another six should be visited only "on essential business".

A combination of civil war, famine, lawlessness and overt threats against foreigners has led the FCO to "advise against all travel" to countries from Africa to the Pacific.

British travellers, whether on business or pleasure, should avoid: Afghanistan, Al-geria, Bougainville Island off Papua New Guinea, Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Chechen Republic, Iraq, Irian Jaya, Jammu and Kashmir in India, Kivu in Zaire, Liberia, Somalia, Tajikistan and Western Sahara. The FCO also warns travellers to go to Angola, Bosnia, Lesotho, Rwanda, east and southeastern Turkey and Zaire only if their business is essential.

A Foreign Office official comments: "All we can do is advise British nationals; we cannot prevent them from visiting these places if they so wish. But adequate insurance to cover all possible contingencies is absolutely essential." Obtaining insurance cover

for visits to countries on the

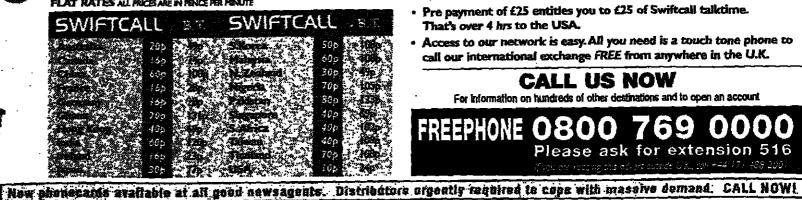
FCO list is, of course, difficult. The Association of British Insurers says: "Insurance companies do not expect people to put themselves into the line of fire. It may be possible to find someone prepared to cover you for a particular trip to one of the countries on the list, but it would be very expensive and would require the help of a

specialist agency."

quickly. There may be powerful arguments in favour of a single European safety body. But passengers must have trust in its ability to act quickly. effectively and without a whisper of corruption. This time next year, that upward graph of airline accidents must be seen to be heading down. The CAA and the AAIB must show their independence and, if necessary, force others in

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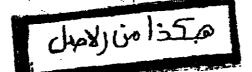
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RUGBY UNION

Pienaar pledges to honour his Saracens contract

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT having taken over the captain-

THE politics of British rugby union have appeared tortuous professionalism, but they are child's play compared with those of South African rugby. Tomorrow South African Rug-by Football Union (Sarfu) representatives will meet the Government over allegations of financial irregularities and debate their new coach after the decline and fall of Andre Markgraaff this week.

The Sarfu executive commit-tee yesterday accepted Markgraaff's resignation after he acknowledged that he had brought the game into disrepute by making racist comments during a telephone conversation that was taped. and subsequently received widespread publication. Even so, Gary Teichmann and Joost van der Westhuizen, leading

cy after the services of Francois Pienaar were dispensed with last year. Pienaar, now part of the increasingly-formidable Sara-

cens team, underlined the damage done to South African rugby by Markgraaff's outburst, "It is a serious blow," he said. "We spent a lot of time building up trust among the communities and now this

"I can't make any sense out of it, but people must remember it is the irresponsible view of one person, and not the view of the whole country, nor the view of the players. Even so, the feeling over here is going to be: 'Have there actu-ally been so many changes in sport in South Africa?"

Pienaar, who is contracted to Saracens for the next two players, have offered Mark-graaff support, Teichmann of Markgraaff prefacing his

Harlequins must play cup tie at the Stoop

HARLEQUINS will play their Pilkington Cup quarterfinal with Saracens on Sunday on their own ground at the Stoop (David Hands writes). Tentative inquiries yesterday about the use of Twickenham produced a negative response from the Rugby Football Union.

The problem for Harlequins is the state of their ground. Building work at the Stoop has obliged them to train as well as play on the main pitch and recent had weather has turned it into a quagmire. On Tuesday they played Auckland and on Saturday they must honour their contract with London Broncos, who entertain Bradford Bulls in rugby league's Silk

Cut Challenge Cup. Leicester may play Newcastle in the cup on Saturday without Dean Richards, their captain. Richards had a cyst on his knee removed recently. but is still troubled by it. With Eric Miller already out because of the concussion that

he received playing for Ire-land last Saturday, Will John-

Stuart Potter, the centre, may also withdraw from the Leicester team after suffering whiplash in a road accident. Craig Joiner, the Scotland wing, will replace him, having recovered from a longstanding injury.

A day after being left out of the Scotland squad to face Ireland, Scott Hastings has now been ignored by the A team selectors. Derek Stark and Ronnie Eriksson, who were also dropped from the full squad, are included.

TOTAND A: D Lee (Watsonars); J Creig (West of Scotland), C Murray (Hawack), R Erikason (London Scotland), D Stark (Melrose); A Dornaldson (Currie), B Burna (Watsonars); G Grainam (Newcastle), G Butloch (West of Scotland), P Wright (Melrose), C Mather (Watsonars), S Campbell (Metrose), S Graina (Watsonars), S Chong Melense, contant).

international lock, will manage the Ireland squad in the Under-19 World Cup tournament in Argentina between March 22 and 31.

own return to the national team. "I am a very loyal person and the people here at Saracens have shown great faith in me," he said. "I intend to repay that." No successor as South Afri-

ca's coach is likely to be named until next week, though the Sarfu management committee will discuss the appointment union officials are to meet Steve Tshwete, the Minister for Sport, to discuss the terms of a government investigation into Sarfu finances. A dossier has been prepared by Brian van Rooyen — who stood against Louis Luyt for the post of Sarfu president last year alleging mismanagement over sponsorship and television

The management of the British Isles, who tour South Africa this summer, have brought forward the meeting in Birmingham of their squad at the request of England and Wales. It was scheduled for March 11, four days before the countries meet in Cardiff on the final day of the five nations' championship. It will now take place 24 hours earlier to give the squads the requisite time together.

The England team to play France at Twickenham on Màrch i will be named today, France having restored Franck Tournaire and Alain Penaud to their squad yesterday. Tournaire, the Narbonne prop, returns after a onematch suspension; Penaud, the Brive stand-off half, faces a fitness test on an ankle today. Ugo Mola, the uncapped Dax full back, is in the squad because of of injury to Richard Dourthe, his club

Christian Loader, the Swansea prop, will undergo a cartilage operation today, but hopes to face England.

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Va'aiga Tuigamala in relaxed mood after completing his move from Wigan to Newcasde. Report, page 48

Enqvist joins string of fallen seeds

By Our Sports Staff

TIM HENMAN, the Great Britain No I, was one of only three surviving seeds in the European Community championship in Antwerp after the defeat last night of Thomas Enqvist, of Sweden, who went down 6-4, 6-7, 3-6 to Francisco Clavet, of Spain.

Enqvist, the No 3 seed, who won the Marseilles tournament last weekend, was on court for little more than two ours before giving best to Clavet, the world No 34.

"It was a very tough match," Enqvist said. The balls here are very different from those we used in Marseilles. I

my racket. I had my chances in the second set, but I'm tired mentally after winning the singles and doubles in Marseilles."

Enqvist, who played for Sweden against France in the Davis Cup final last December, looked like winning in straight sets until Clavet, playing only his second match of the year, forced the second set into a tie-break, which he

vice to lead 2-1 in the third, but Clavet was in control after that, winning on his first match point

ATHLETICS

through injury, Boris Becker Goran Ivanisevic, the No I seed, neither of whom got on court. Also out are Michael Stich and Jim Courier. Enqvist's defeat left Marcelo Rios, of Chile, Felix Mantilla,

of Spain, and Henman as the

remaining seeds. Rios, from Chile, trounced Adrian Voinea, of Romania, 6-1, 6-4 in his first round match, showing no sign of the muscle strain that caused set of the final in Marseil-

He was passed fit to play in Antwerp after treatment by a In addition to Enqvist, the physiotherapist and produced

near flawless tennis in the first set of a match that featured some breathtaking rallies. Rios fell 2-0 behind early in

the second set, but quickly fought back to take the match in little more than an hour, the organisers no doubt highly relieved that their new top seed had passed his first test

so convincingly.

The event, which offers a diamond-studded gold trophy to any player able to win it three times in five years, has injury. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, of it had banned Iulia Negura. Russia, and Carlos Moya, of Spain, a finalist in the Australia Open, pulled out earlier

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Cardiff seek to secure quick finish

PAUL HEAVEY, the coach, is determined that Cardiff Devils should clinch the inaugu ral Superleague ice hockey title at the first opportunity tonight. The Devils need just one point from their penultimate game, at home to Manchester Storm, to give the league's only British coach his first honour.

"We want to finish it off quickly." Heavey said. "We've put ourselves in a very strong position with our two away wins at Ayr and Newcastle last weekend. They were huge results really. It would be the highlight of my career if we win the title, but, without sounding biased, I think we deserve it."

Buxton quits

Football: Mick Buxton yester day became the season's latest managerial casualty when he left Scunthorpe United, the Nationwide League third division club, by mutual consent after they was beaten at home by Chester City on Tuesday night in front of a crowd of only 1,524.

Scunthorpe have lost five of their past seven league matches and are sixteenth in the table. Buxton, the former Sunderland and Huddersfield Town manager, took over at Scunthorpe II months ago.

NFL recruits

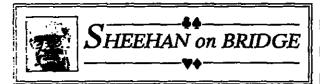
American football: Perry Klein and Kerry Joseph, NFL quarterbacks, have been loaned to the London Monarchs for the World League season. Joseph, who set 12 school records at McNeese State, is registered with Cincinnati Bengals and Klein is a

Stateside

Football: The 1999 women's World Cup finals will be held in the United States, Fifa, the world governing body, announced in Zurich yesterday. Qualifying will take place between August 1997 and December 1998.

Drugs ban

Athletics: Romania's athletics the European cross country champion, for two years for failing a drugs test last November.



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Yesterday I discussed the early part of the play on this

embarrassing hand. Brian Senior was West and I was East. North-South game

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West opened Two Hearts (weak). North doubled, I raised to Three Hearts and South bid Four Spades, which I doubled. Declarer (Graham Horsley) played the jack of clubs from dummy on the opening lead. I won with the ace, and the declarer played the nine from hand. I returned the six of clubs. Senior ruffed and, suffering from an excess of blood-lust, returned the diamond three. Cashing the ace of diamonds would have

been more commercial. Declarer played the eight of diamonds from dummy, and won my nine with the queen. He crossed to dummy with a heart ruff and led the seven of soades. This was our last chance. I thought it unlikely that Senior had the ace of diamonds, so I decided to play him for the ten and two of spades. That way, by playing low, I could make two trump

The seven of spades held the trick. Now, declarer continued

clubs - throwing a diamond left declarer with & K 10 and ▼ K J, with dummy holding a trump, two diamonds and a winning club. As East I held ◆AQ. ♥A and a diamond. Declarer ruffed a third heart in dummy, bringing down my ace, and, when he led a winning club off the table, I could make only one more trick. Our ace of diamonds had gone missing.

our only chance was that West had the ace of diamonds. West's three of diamonds at trick three was likely to be from an honour. And, if declarer had the ace of dia-monds and West the ten of spades, declarer would have started the spades by leading the jack from dummy. I have to win the first round of spades and play a diamond.

with a club to the queen, a

second heart ruff, the king of and a diamond ruff. That

I should have realised that Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in

Sport and in the Weekend

WORD-WATCHING

section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

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CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Shock tactics

I have already commented in this column on the somewhat unorthodox approach to openings employed by many British grandmasters. Whereas the Russian school, exempli-fied primarily by Kasparov, relishes long theoretical variations, the standard British approach is to adopt unusual lines, with the objective of throwing the opponent off balance. The game today, a win by Michael Adams, the Great Britain No 2. against a member of the world elite. shows this strategy working to perfection.

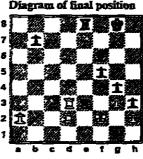
White: Michael Adams Black: Boris Gelfand Linares, February 1997

Sicilian Defence 36 Bg7 0-0 5 Bb3 7 Nbd2 Non 9x15 e6 Bb7 24 Qg6+ 25 Oxg7+ 26 Radi

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The diagram for the conclud-

ing position of the game yesteray between Shirov and Kasparov from Linares was printed incorrectly. Here is the correct final position. Diagram of final position



White resigned on account of 39, Rxe3 Rxe3: 40, Kxe3 Bg5+: 41, Ke2 Brd2: 42, Kxd2 f4; 43. gxl4 g3; 44. hxg3 h2. This forced variation, which both sides clearly saw was inevitable, leads to Black promoting his h-pawn to a new queen.

Jersey Open In the Deloitte and Touche Jersey Open, grandmaster Bogdan Lalic leads after three rounds with a 100 per cent

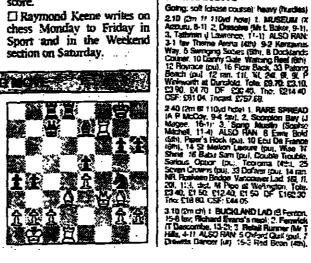
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Minney Molt.

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Vadia — Sale, Zagreb, 1997. White has broken through on the fifte and seems to have a strong position. However, his penetration to 17 has also left his pieces in a volnerable situation. Can you see how Black exploited

Solution on page 46



CRICKET DHAKA: SAARC tournament (50 overs) Bangladesh. 182-9; Pakistan A 186-4 (Asil Mujtaba 67). Pakistan A won by 6 wkts CYCLING

MOSCOW: Indoor meeting (Russia unless stated): Ment 60mt 1, 0 Ezniva (Nigeria) 6, 70:sec; 2, P Gallent 67.8, 3, S Konoryis 67.7, 200mt 1, Ezniva 21.38; 2, M Gyula (Huri) 21.57, 3, D Bey 21.58 400mt 1, R Mastichenko 48.26; 2, 0 Golobrastov 47.38, 3, U Bipernyong Nigeria) 47.52, 1,500mt 1, W Tamut (Ken) 3mm 138.40sec; 2, J Mayood (GB) 3,40.59; 3, M O'Sulikan (Ital) 3,40.57 (GB) 3,40.59; 3, M O'Sulikan (Ital) 3,40.57 (GB) 1,40.50 (CB) 2,40.50 (CB CYCLING

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LAIGUEGLIA: Laigueglis Trophy (160km); 1, M Barta (til 4tr 14min 47sec; 2, F Frathru (II), 3, F Casagrande (R); 4, B Zberg (Swaz), at same time
KOTA KINABALU: Tour de Langkewit Time-blait (19; Itim. 1, E Wichharp (Can) 24min (Spac); 2, A Nicourov (Kar) at 27 msc; 3, R Green (Can); at 34, P Meming (GB), at 34; 22, M Poste (GB) at 1 min (Sacc, 34, J Tanneri (GB) at 127. W Tarus (Kart) 3mrs 39.40sec 2, J Mayock (SB) 34.85 93. M O'Sulkian (No.) 340.57 60m burdies: 1, I Kosac (Co.) 7,65sec; 2, A Kishkh 7.97; 3, A Marken 7.87 Pole vesible 5 Smryagen 5.40m Triple jump: 1, A Assischanko 17.10* 2, D Kopustin 18.95; 3, V Sokou 18.76. Womer: 60m: 1, I Presiona 7.08sec; 2, N Merzhyshova 7.26; 3, N Roshchupkins 7.34. 200m: 1, N Voronova 23.15; 2, S Constituento 23.24; 3, P Danse (Bah) 23.37. 400m: 1, H Benesota (Co) 52.70; 2, O Kobyamos 52.84; 3, A Kozak (Bah) 32.37. 400m: 1, N Dukhaova (Bela) 39.27. 800m: 1, N Dukhaova (Bela) 39.27. 800m: 1, N Dukhaova (Bela) 39.27. 900m: 1, N Dukhaova (Bela) 39.27. 800m: 1, N Grigoryera 240.214, 60m hurdies: 1, N Grigoryera (Ule) 8.13sec; 2, S Laukhova 8.22, 3, Y Graudin 8.27. High paper; 1, I Babakova (Ula) 1.97m; 2, O Bolehous (Mol) 1.91; 3, T Motovo a 19.1 Long jump: 1, T Vasta frium 6.64; 2, Y Smshukova (Rus) 6.62, 3, L Benezhrang (Ula) 6.22 Tople jump: 1, 1 Lasouskaya 14.63; 2, A Harsen (GS) 14.38; 3, N Kayatkova 14.25; 2 Shott 1, S Krosleva 19.32; 2, V Fedyushao (Ula) 18.29, 3, I Kroslovadniana 18.16

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Jockey Club tests grounds for concern

By Julian Muscat

THE 21 jockeys who refused to ride at Haydock Park in October will today learn whether their halting of racing on safety grounds will be punished by racing's authori-ties. The Jockey Club's disciplinary committee yesterday opened an inquiry into the incident when jockeys closed the changing room door before the second race of the afternoon. Some who rode in the opener deemed the ground unsafe, but the Haydock stew-ards — after examining the surface with a deputation of senior jockeys — insisted rac-ing should go ahead.

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Rarely has the Jockey Chub presided over so complicated an inquiry. The disciplinary committee spent yesterday taking statements from most of the 19 witnesses. That process will be completed this morning before the committee



Nap: HARVEST VIEW (3.35 Wincanton) Next best: Nishamira (3.50 Huntingdon)

engages in debate with legal representatives of jockeys. Eleven of the 21 who refused to ride were present yesterday, together with Walter Swinburn and Willie Ryan, who were at Haydock but had no mount in the second race. They are not among the 21 who face sanction but they were influential in the jockeys' collective action.

The offending strip of ground was around the home turn. After heavy rain, Philip Arkwright, the clerk of the course, resited the running rail to create a fresh strip five yards wide. He subsequently penned a memo to all jockeys, describing the going beyond the fresh strip as "very bad". Important principles are at

stake for both sides, a fact

posturing from the Jockeys' Association. It implied only the jockeys and not course officials were on trial. The club was quick to refute this, but the jockeys' case is compelling enough without questioning the inquiry procedure. Their argument is entirely centred on safety. To deviate from that fundamental concern is not in their interests, nor is the acrimony which infiltrated the inquiry before it started.

The dispute has been headlined as jockeys flexing their muscles against authority. Frankie Detiori, central to the case in that he was vehemently opposed to riding, was portrayed by some owners and trainers as having ideas above his station. One can trust the disciplinary committee to look beyond such narrow confines in reaching its

It is clear that a lack of communication was one of the architects of the stand-off. Jockeys claim the first they heard of the abandonment was an announcement over the public address system. And it does not help their case that some of the 21 have since said they would have been

happy to ride. But the Haydock stewards also appear to have a case to answer. Jockey Club officials conceded yesterday it was "unusual" for memos of the type written by Arkwright to be circulated. Furthermore, it must be debatable whether a strip of ground five yards wide is sufficient for fields of up to 17 runners, as there would. have been at Haydock.

Should the jockeys be found in breach of the Rules, they can expect stiff fines. Eight years ago il jockeys returned from the start of race at Beverley after rain saturated the course. Racing was delayed while stewards assessed the track. On its resumption, eight jockeys subsequently rode in the race - but all Il



Tony McCoy signs autographs before his comeback ride, Theme Arena, at Folkestone yesterday. McCoy, who has been out of action for four weeks because of a fractured left shoulder and broken collarbone, could finish only fourth on Theme Arena but went on to win the Lympne Novices' Claiming Hurdle on Rare Spread.

Just Little holds major chance

WINCANTON CHANNEL 4

2.05: Shankar was more than a stone better than his rivals over hurdles and David Nichoison will have ensured he has been well schooled for his fencing debut. Indian Jockey was a bit of a monkey over hurdles, but jumped well when making all the running to score impressively enough on his chasing debut at Taunton 20 days ago. He looks a bigger danger than Scottish Bambi, who carries a double

2.35: In what should prove to be a fascinating Cheltenham Gold Cup trial, Unguided Missile is just preferred to Coome Hill. Gordon Rich-ards's chaser is 8lb better than the Hennessy Gold Cup winner at these weights according to official ratings and, just as important, he should be better suited by today's conditions. He has plenty of pace, which is ideal for this sharp track. named hurdler won easily at



and should see out the trip provided the ground remains genuinely good.

Any further rain would favour Coome Hill and bring his proven stamina into play. Maamur beat Unguided Missile (failed to stay on stiffer track) at Cheltenham last March, but is having his first run since.

3.05: Plenty of pace likely with front runners such as Ground Nut and Potentate in the field, which should suit Just Little. Aidan O'Brien's suitably

the Murphy's meeting and was in the process of running an even better race at Cheltenham the next day when she fell two out, holding every chance against Space Trucker, the eventual winner. That form looks better than anything else on show here. Zabadi ran a stinker in the Tote Gold Trophy along with Romancer, who was having his first run of the season. He would hold claims if repeating his County Hurdle second from last year.

3.35: Harvest View looks to be on a handy mark for her handicap debut after beating Guinda at Uttoxeter 12 days ago in her first chase. That is reasonable form and she receives 17lb from Five To Seven, who has been runnerup in all four starts this term and looks a shade one-naced. Chief Joseph has clearly had her problems but won a chase 20 months ago, is fairly treated on that form and goes

HUNTINGDON CHANNEL 4

2.50: Kings Witness was the best of these on the Flat, and he finished a respectable fourth behind Shadow Leader (won again since) at Folkestone. However, his hurdling was poor and he lost ground at several flights. Exalted looks the value choice. He was a good second at Warwick behind Fitzwilliam, and should improve for the run.

3.20: Eastern Magic, who blundered away his chance last time, is a tentative choice in a race with question marks against most runners. Regal Romper and Fine Harvest prefer faster ground, Random Assault is prone to jumping errors and Thumbs Up finds little under pressure. With plenty of pace likely, the normally held up Eastern Magic should have the race run to suit.

RICHARD EVANS

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2.05 Shankar 2.35 Unguided Missile 3.05 Florid

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Gibson returns

DALE GIBSON landed the Snipe Handicap at Wolverhampton yesterday on Puzzlement, his first ride on returning from a five-month absence through injuries received in a fall at Beverley.



were fined, five of them £750. implicit in the pre-inquiry One Man given Cheltenham Gold Cup objective

ONE MAN is likely to run in the Cheltenham Gold Cup next month after being withdrawn yesterday from the Queen Mother Champion

Plans for the dual King George VI Chase winner had been fluid since an unconvincing Cheltenham success last month raised doubts about his suitability for the Gold Cup, in

However, the attraction of the twomile Champion Chase was reduced when One Man was beaten in the 212-mile Comet Chase at Ascot. Gordon Richards, his trainer, said yesterday: "He'll probably run in the Gold Cup as I think he will have a better chance in that race. He's all right after Ascot and it was my fault

which he was a well-beaten favourite birn too quickly. He was very flat Gold Cup bope, Danoli, from his Champion Hurdle and the Citroen Ladbrokes responded with a quote

of 10-1 about One Man, who had previously been offered at 8-1 "with a run". All the market leaders in the Gold Cup stood their ground in the Gold Cup, including Richards's other candidates Addington Boy. The Grey Monk and Unguided Missile.

Like Richards, Tom Foley has set out his stall by withdrawing his

uternanve en Guinness Arkie Chase. The Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup winner is among 20 withdrawals from the two-mile novices' chase, who also include the Champion Hurdle can-didate, Relkeel, and Monday's Hereford failure Master Tribe.

Josh Gifford has kept his options open for the unbeaten Boardroom Shuffle, who has been left in the

(\$2,810: 2m 110yd) (22 runners)

3.50 PIDLEY FEN MARIES ONLY MAIDEN HURDLE

opreme Novices' Hurdle. Other first-season hurdlers, I'm Supposin, Juyush and Sanmartino, are still in the Champion Hurdle, for which last year's Supreme Novices' Hurdle winner, Indefence, is the most notable of 17 withdrawals.

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Our Newmarket Correspondent 4.15 Alagna. 4.45 A BREEZE (nap). GOING: STANDARD

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CRICKET: LONG-AWAITED TEST SERIES VICTORY CANNOT MASK UNSAVOURY EPISODES DURING WINTER TOUR OF DISCONTENT

Aggressive style breaches acceptable boundaries

winter travels, here are a few thoughts prompted by reading the press, watching television and spending a lifetime on tour. For many weeks hardly a day went by without one being asked: "What on earth is the matter with English cricker?" More recently, things have looked up, albeit against one of our weaker cricketing brethren, and for that we may be truly

For too long the 'Obsession prevailing mood seemed to be one of disenchantment, which may have been hindrance' to some extent the

cause and to some extent the effect of events on the field. Going away on a long tour has always given rise to mixed feelings. but, when John Crawley's tour diary was published with a first entry that referred to his "real despair" at leaving his family and girlfriend for 14 weeks, it sent out an unfortunate message. In no time there were reports of a side at odds with its

the press. Players in print and families on tour have long been bones of contention, going back all the way to 1873-74, when the newlywed "W. G." used his first visit to Australia as a honeymoon.

In Australia, in 1920-21, the presence of the wife and mother of Johnny Douglas, the MCC captain, caused as much disaffection as the fact that Rockley Wilson, a member

of the team, was writing for the Daily Express. Again, in Australia in 1946-47, exception was taken to Brian Sellers, an England selector, filing disparaging reports to the Yorkshire Evening Post. This time, apart from

the Crawley diary, there have been the captain's commentaries and the coach's contentions, both, naturally enough, putting the case for the

One of the problems of such columns is that they pre-empt the deliberation of future selection comJohn Woodcock argues that the intense England regime may be hindering the players' progress

right players around them, and repeatedly say so (although they may well be wrong), selectorial autonomy is surely undermined. As for players being pleased enough to write for the press but not to share a Christmas drink with them, as happened in Zimbabwe, that, of

It may be another world from the one in Which there used to be a football match on Christmas morning - the players against the writers on some Australian beach - refereed by the scorer-cum-baggagemas-ter-cum-majordomo, the inimitable George Duckworth, and followed by refreshments and good fellowship. The press are more swingeing now and more hurtful in their criticisms; so much so that I am amazed sometimes that the players are as tolerant as they are. To withdraw into some sort of laager, though, never does any good.

There have been times this winter

when David Lloyd, the England coach, has seemed to be at the end of his tether, driven almost to distraction by circumstance and pathos: and that, too, cannot be for the best. Commitment and competitiveness were always obligatory; today they are all-consuming and I believe that there is an unhealthy side to that. What is intrinsic to the culture of Australia and South Africa, by way of hype and manifest aggression, is foreign to many Englishmen.

Coming from a more temperate climate, England's cricketers have always lived and had their being in their own more temperate way. Subjected to the rigours of the present regime, with its emphasis on intensity and shadow boxing in the dressing-room and the most exhaustive training schedule out of it, it is perfectly possible that many our finest players (Hutton or Compton or Cowdrey, for example, Alec Bedser, for that matter)

would not have developed as effectively and as naturally, it could zealand as is possible on television. certainly be said to have cost us a good number of runs from Gower.

When, on this tour, England have bowled quite astonishingly badly at the start of a match, which has not been an uncommon occurrence, might it not have been because they were too driven, too taut and too wrought up? Obsession can be not

so much a spur as a hindrance; it has to be entertained with suspicion and watched with care. în Australia, not

many years ago, the Young England side hysterical' found the opposition's sledging so remorseless that they decided there was nothing for it but to retaliate in kind. Their efforts were so embarrassingly awful, though, that they soon went back to concentrating on their cricket. The best, or worst, they could think up

was something on the lines of "What convict ship did this one's ancestors Yet, listening to the present Eng-

through the stump microphone, has been like being at Smithfield Mar-

ket. Commentators refer to illfeeling as though it were nothing unusual; catches are claimed that may not be catches, and the exorbitance of the appealing by the England team has reached hysterical proportions.

England have won a couple of Test match-Appeals have es. They were not that far from winning all become of the five they have played this winter. They have an enor-

mously resolute captain, whose batting in the last Test match at Christchurch was positively heroic, and a team spirit that should help to close the gap between themselves and Australia when they meet this summer, but do we really want, or need, to play our cricket quite so slavishly, quite as intemperately? It is a question that has to be addressed, because very soon the young will be doing it, too.

GRAHAM CHADWICK / ALLSPORT

Sidhu earns recall for India's tour of Caribbean

NAVJOT SIDHU, whose international cricket career was thought to have ended when he walked out of the tour of England last summer, has been recalled by India for the tour of the West Indies that starts later this month.

Sidhu, the opening batsman, 34, was involved in a number of disputes with Mohammad Azharuddin. then the captain, but he has won back his place after India's defeats in the recent Test and limited overs series in South Africa.

Abey Kuruvilla, 28, the Bombay fast bowler, is the only newcomer in the 16-strong party. The selectors rejected an appeal from Sachin Tendulkar, Azharuddin's successor, for an extra player for the ten-week tour, which begins on February 28 with a four-day match against

Madan Lal, the India coach, also failed to persuade the selectors to name five specialist new-ball bowlers. The par-ty includes four seam bowlers and two spinners There was again no place for Sanjay Manjrekar and Vinod Kam-

bli, the middle-order batsmen. The first Test starts at Sabina Park, Jamaica, on March 6. The tour will feature five Test matches and four one-day internationals.

The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) is to meet in Antigua on Saturday to finalise its bid to stage the World Cup in 2003. Officials are also hoping to persuade the International Council (ICC) to hold the tournament every two years.

The 2003 event has already been awarded to South Africa - England are hosts in 1999 -- but the WICB is planning what Andrew Sealy, its secretary, described as a "two-fold attack" before the ICC meets in Malaysia next month.

"We feel that we are entitled to the World Cup in 2003 ... but, outside of that fact, we are also keen to have the World Cup changed from every four years to every two years, and we are suggesting that 2001 is when the next World Cup could be held after 1999. Sealy said. The WICB was "cautiously optimistic" that the final decision over the 2003 venue, which is not expected until the full ICC meeting at Lord's in July, will be in its favour.

A superb innings of 67 by Asif Mujtaba, the captain, helped Pakistan A to bear Bangladesh by six wickets in the opening match of a fourteam tournament in Dhaka yesterday. Needing 183 to win. Pakistan A won with 11 overs to spare. India A meet Sri

Lanka A today. Brian McMillan, the South Africa all-rounder, is doubtful for the first Test against Australia in Johannesburg next week because of damaged ankle ligaments. McMillan, 33, was flown to Pretoria for a check-up yesterday, and has been advised to rest until Monday.

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Sussex have announced pretax profits of £2,286 for the year ended October 31. It is the minth successive year that the county has reported a surplus.

Chance for England to regain lost expertise

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FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN CHRISTCHURCH

NEW ZEALAND is full of people who apparently believe that the important cricket of the winter is only just beginning. England's players rightly beg to differ, but they must not deceive themselves that their emphatic success in the Test series renders the rest of

the itinerary irrelevant.

The final fortnight of this tour constitutes the kind of obstacle course that habitually brings England down. There are five one-day internationals, the first of them a floodlit fixture at Lancaster Park to-day, and, if recent form is an accurate guide, England will be hard put to win any of

It is unarguably true that England could now finish a distant second in these internationals without the roof falling in to threaten leadership and personnel, as most certainly it would have done if the Test series had ended differently. Captain and coach are safe for another summer and so, hopefully, are the majority of the players who won the last two Tests, for at last there was an impression of a unit worthy of trust and

perseverance. The team, however, will have been told that a "demob happy" mentality is unacceptable just yet. They must convince themselves that one-day cricket, like it or not, can no longer be dismissed as an insignificant postscript to an international tour and that the benefits of a winning habit can be usefully extended to this

form of the game. When England last strung together two Test wins, on the corresponding tour of New Zealand five years ago, they went on to play their most compelling one-day cricket for years in the World Cup in Australasia. They reached the final, looking the most impresdegree of fatigue during the closing fortnight, they would surely have won it.

There is no World Cup now to act as an energiser, just a hotch-potch of commercially orientated fixtures occupying a fortnight in which the players' thoughts will understandably be drifting to the homes left last November. It is at times like this that the reserve rank of pride and professional-By way of a spur, it is worth

repeating the gruesome statis-tics of England's overseas oneday internationals over the past two winters. Of 14 games against Test nations, they have won one and lost 13. This is a staggering level of

incompetence.

While supporters back home raged and despaired. especially over a final fixture against Zimbabwe in which England were an unmitigated rabble, the players were neither oblivious nor unmoved. We were dreadful in those

games," Nasser Hussain, the vice-captain, said, "and it is important we put that right. We have got to stop playing one-day cricket as if we were still in England. A different game has evolved overseas now, and it means you cannot just keep wickets in hand and hope to score at six runs an over in the closing stages. You have to be more positive

throughout." Part of the problem is that England are not ideally equipped. "We brought a squad with the Tests in mind," Michael Atherton, the captain, said, and we have completed that part of the job well; but we can't use that as an excuse because our one-day cricket



Atherton caught fishing: not a slack dismissal but the captain's way of relaxing after his two outstanding innings in the final Test

needs improvement. We were pretty poor in Zimbabwe." Atherton intends to go in first rather than batting at No 3 or No 5, as he did on the first leg of the tour, and his job will be to anchor the innings while the strokemakers inject the tempo necessary to ensure that England achieve something more imposing than 179. their best effort of three in

New Zealand have a re-sourceful one-day side, includ-ing some big hitters and miserly bowlers such as Gavin Larsen and Dipak Patel. On home territory, they are likely to win more than they lose, but England must strive to emerge with dignity. One certainty is that the games will lack nothing in atmosphere. All 25,000 tickets

for today were sold out a week ago and capacity crowds are also confidently predicted There is a culture for one-

day cricket here, a lust for the frivolity of it all, that sometimes spills over into the more serious arena — such as when the computerised scoreboard at the Christchurch Test spent as much time acclaiming the Barmy Army" and showing

images of dancing girls as it did displaying the score. If the one-day series goes their way, the New Zealand public will happily accept that they have won the games that matter. England, of course, could console themselves that they know otherwise -- but it would make a refreshing change if they did not have to

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SNOOKER

Ebdon goes on the offensive

BY PHIL YATES

PETER EBDON, who defeatstraight frames to lead 4-3.A brown-to-black clearance in ed Mark Williams 5-4 to reach the quarter-finals of the International Open in Aberdeen yesterday, has decided to adopt a more aggressive style after slipping into an overly defensive approach. after benefiting from a ques-tionable "miss" decision by Ebdon, from London, captured the Regal Scottish Masters title last September, but Jan Verhaas, the referee, his results in fournaments with one red remaining on the

carrying ranking points have been extremely disappointing since then and he has fallen from third to minth on the provisional world list. It wasn't deliberate, but I did become bogged down," Ebdon said. "I was just weighing everything up for too long and generally trying too hard. It led to a lot of my flair and

confidence falling by the Ebdon rudely left the arena with Williams still to pot an academic black at the end of a fourth frame that he had already won to move 3-1 ahead. This uncharacteristic display of bad manners was undoubtedly a by-product of a the interval, he reeled off three

the eighth frame, which included an exceptional blind pot on the blue to a middle pocket, helped Williams to level at 4-4, but Ebdon took the deciding frame on the brown

This season has been a case of Will the real Peter Ebdon step forward, Ebdon, the runner-up in the world



championship last year, said.
"I was just delighted to get the bit between my teeth because my success has always been built on burning desire and

Ebdon goes forward to meet Ronnie O'Sullivan, who stylishly completed his 5-2 win over Dene O'Kane, of New Zealand, with a 142 total clearance. It was the highest break of the event so far and puts him in line to collect a £5,000 bonus.

"Now I've got Psycho," O'Sullivan said, in obvious reference to Ebdon's renowned intensity at the table. love Peter to bits because he's totally nuts. He always gets really involved in the

Tony Drago, who has never appeared in the semi-finals of world ranking event. reached the last eight by recovering from a 3-2 deficit to defeat Joe Swail, of Belfast, 5-3. He will now play either John Parrott or Dave Harold. Alan McManus, the No6 seed, enjoyed a comfortable 5-1 victory over Stuart Parnell, the

GOLF .

Purple patch shortens the odds on Price

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

NICK PRICE, a winner and a runner-up in his past two events, is the favourite to win the Alfred Dunhill PGA tournament at the Houghton Golf Club, Johannesburg, starting

Price, from Zimbabwe, finished second in the South African Open and was then a runaway winner in the Dimension Data Pro-am at Sun City last weekend. "I really feel that I'm getting my putting touch back," Price, the former world No 1, said. He completed 72 holes on tricky. spiked up greens at Sun City without three-putting and finished 20 under par, giving him an eight-shot advantag over David Frost, of South

Africa, in second place. The Dunhill is the third of the three back-to-back PGA European Tour events on the South African circuit; the winner, in addition to claiming a £300,000 cheque, will qualify for the World Series of Golf and that tournament, in Akron, Ohio, carries a ten-year exemption to the US

PGA Tour, the springboard that Price used to catapult himself on to the United

States circuit 15 years ago. Before his victory at Sun City, Price had not won a tournament since the Zimbabwe Open, in December 1995, and he is eager to launch his next assault on the US Tour with another victory under his belt. The Dunhill was dogged by

bad weather last year and Sven Straver, from Germany, the eventual winner, had to come back on the Monday morning to edge out Ernie Els, of South Africa, in a rainshortened tournament. Struver is back among a strong European contingent. Els is not, concentrating

instead on tournaments in the United States leading up to the Masters. Price's strongest challenge, therefore, should again come from Frost, who is rapidly running into form, although Gordon Sherry, from Scotland, signalled his intent in the pro-am yesterday with a hole in one at the 145**RUGBY LEAGUE**

Branson rides with Broncos

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

RICHARD Branson bought a stake in the London Broncos yesterday and heard Barry Maranta, the club chairman, predict: "We will soon be the force in world rugby league."
Branson declined to disclose the amount of money that he was investing, but admitted that he had taken a 15 per cent

stake in the club. Maranta said: "In three or four years the team will be the force in world rugby league. There will be no team in the world that can hold a candle to us. We've got a good strong team and we will be a match for any team on both sides of

"We are a one-city team, which is what the concept of world Super League is about. The challenge to us is how we can tap the massive human resources available to us. The enormous talent that exists in the south is where the future of London rugby lies and the untapped talent in London is

really the exciting thing.
"Our under-to team, which 12 months ago had never played rugby league, is now unbeaten in the winter compe-

playing rugby league for eight or nine years: and our seconds are beating historic teams by 30 or 40 points. "So, although we will have

one or two high-profile players, such as Martin Offiah, I can't wait for the day when the 19, 20 and 21-year-olds start coming through, because we've put a lot of effort, energy and expertise into developing our youngsters."

Branson explained his eagerness to link up with the



Branson: buys stake

north whose lads have been Broncos, saying: "Quite a few people will be wondering why we are investing in rugby league instead of football. rugby union or even cricket.
The answer is that rugby league is one of Britain's

fastest-growing sports and has

been under developed in the South, but it is a great spectator sport and could become the main sport in the country." Maurice Lindsay, the Super League chairman, was also confident of the game's prospects now that the legal wrangle involving the Australian Super League has been re-solved. He said: "I can assure Richard that he is coming into what is, internationally, po-

tentially going to be the next great sport around the world. We have welcomed more nations to RL in the past two years than ever and it's set for a real explosion."

Offiah, who will link up a with the club in time for the start of Super League next month, said that he believed that the Broncos' development would help to attract more top quality players to the capital's

FOOTBALL: ENGLAND AND ITALY EMERGE WITH HONOURS EVEN FROM INTERNATIONAL SERIES

Newton preserves nation's pride

Serie B XI

Nationwide League XI .. 1

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN GENOA

ENGLAND'S third representative meeting against Italy in eight days brought the keenly-contested series to a fittingly even conclusion in Genoa yesterday afternoon. The senior England side lost 1-0 at Wembley in the World Cup, the under-21s won 1-0 at Ashton Gate in the European championship and the Nationwide League drew against Serie B here in the Luigi Ferraris stadium. Won one, lost one and drawn one; all square, honour satisfied and everyone the best of friends.

As an exercise in exposing the League's finest young players to the ways of the football world, the three day Nationwide trip proved an unqualified success. Brian Horton, the Huddersfield Town manager, coached, briefed and cajoled them throughout their stay at the ancient sea port - with not a whiff of scandal, or barely a harsh word, marring their sojourn.

It was a chance, too, for the great and good of the Football League and Football Association to indulge in a spot of lobbying, supposedly discreet, for Italian support for England's embryonic bid to stage the 2000 World Cup finals. The FA was represented by Keith Wiseman, the chairman, Graham Kelly, the chief executive, and Jimmy Armfield, the technical consultant.

In the League corner, Gor-don McKeag, the retiring president, and David Sheepshanks, the new chairman, attended assorted functions and conducted diplomatic business. The ubiquitious Terry Venables, the former England coach now in charge of Australia, also turned up to lend his cockney charm to proceedings. "I am talking to investors." he said, cryptically

Business was similarly brisk on the pitch, with the Nationwide Select busying themselves impressively against a Serie B side of much greater experience. Six of their players were contracted to Serie A clubs, but had been loaned out until the end of the. season. Such a system in England appears closer with every month.

Not surprisingly, Serie B dominated the initial phases on a hard, bumpy pitch that can only hinder Sampdoria's chances of wresting the Italia championship from the grip of Juventus. Perri curled a free kick narrowly wide of Marshall, the Norwich City goalkeeper, and also his far post, then Marshall tipped over a rasping drive from Zanchetta before Pirri went close again. Gradually, the English youngsters grew in stature, verbally exhorting each other



Newton, of Charlton, ensured the Nationwide League Select team left Genoa with a deserved draw yesterday with his second-half equaliser

deserted stadium. They did not need the encouragement of thousands to sour them on: Horton had done his job well.

Bradbury, the former Army private and Portsmouth striker, led the line aggressively, but displayed deft touches, too. When he nodded on a deep cross from Rogers, leaving Gianello clawing at thin air no team-mate was on hand to take advantage. A chance wasted.

Serie B responded weakly, but, against most expectaminute. Holland's misdirected crossfield pass was easily cut out by Pirri, the Cremonese forward farmed out to Salemitana, and he ran on to beat Marshall with a cute, leftfooted flick.

Dyer should have equalised four minutes later when, seizing on an error by Baccin, he had only Gianello to beat. He hesitated, though, made the angle too acute and Gianello was able to stop his closerange shot.

In the two previous years of the inter-league fixture, 15 of the 27 players used by the League have gone on to represent England at under-21 level.

Gianello tipped over a powerful attempt from Dyer early in the second half, but the Nationwide League equalised, deservedly, in the 62nd minute. Dyer cut in from the right and passed to Newton. who had arrived on the pitch only two minutes earlier as a

Semi-final bows to weather

EVEN the presence of ITV television cameras amount of surface water, which means players

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ing their biggest occasion of the season being

washed away last night. After a flurry of

memorable giant-killing performances, their Coca-Cola Cup semi-final, first leg encounter

with Middlesbrough had won a prime-time

slot on the national network, only for the

Spm kick-off at Edgeley Park and after only a brief inspection. David Elleray, the referee,

"The pitch represents a danger to the

players," Elleray said. "There is a substantial

weather to intervene. Two hours before the

homed in on the target, drew Gianello out and deverly slipped his shot past him. It was only his second goal of the - his first, for Charlton Athletic, was scored back in September.

it could have signalled more, with Serie B suddenly

tackles. There is the likelihood of three or four

more hours of rain and it could have meant us

likely to be played next Tuesday or Wednesday.

All three scheduled fixtures in Scotland last

night also fell victim to the weather, including

Rangers' game with Dundee United at Ibrox.

starting the game and then abandoning it."

final minute. He crossed superbly from the left, as the ball appeared likely to roll over the byline, but Dyer and Newton each had efforts blocked by the desperate Serie B defence. No matter, an honourable draw. with infant careers enhanced

firmly cemented.

headed a near-post cross from

Newton marginally over the

crossbar, with Gianello strug-

gling to reach it, and Serrant

created the best chance in the

SERIE B (3-5-2): M Glanello (Chevo) - E Britisch (Verlezis, sub Steetculf, Tomio, Carmo), D. Baccin (Cesena), I. Mezzano (Tomio) — A Zancetta (Foggla), Bruzittu (Genzo), G. Zanetti (Desena), G. Tedesco (Palerino, sub: C. Amoroso, Empoli, 74), L. Lanna (Chevo) — A Pirri (Saleritistra, sub: V. Chienese, Foggia, 81).

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and Anglo-Italian relations

David Jones, the Stockport manager, agreed with the decision. "There's no way it could have been played with the amount of rain that NATIONMIDE LEAGUE (3-5-2) A Mar-shall (Normeth Caly) — A Moses (Bernsley), D Mills (Normeth Caly), C Servant (Outham Athlebs) — D Hamilton (Bradford Cry), B Haighes (Wredfam), C Holland (Birmang-ham Cry), D Bullock (Barrsley), A Rogers (Trannete Povera, sub S Newton, Charlton Attletic, 60) — B Dyer (Crystal Palzor); L Bradbury (Portsmouth, sub S Taylor, Botton Handerers, 60). has fallen in the past few hours," he said. "It was not going to get any better." The game is

Survivors forced to postpone dreams of cup glory

WIMBLEDON'S draw ag ainst Leicester City at Filbert Street on Tuesday gave them a slight edge in their Coca-Cola Cup semi-final, but, with the second leg three weeks away, both clubs were concerned afterwards with more pressing matters than thoughts of a Wembley appearance. "It's a long time away," Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager, said.

"We've got to play 15 matches in five weeks," Joe Kinnear, his opposite number, added. "So have we," O'Neill rejoined, "and we haven't got the security of the extra 12 or 13 points that Wimbledon

The loss of Robert Ullathorne, Leicester's £600.000 signing from Osasuna, with a broken ankle, after only 12 minutes, added to O'Neill's problems and he was more preoccupied immediately with the game against Derby County on Saturday. With both teams on the fringe of the relegation zone, it will be a key match. Wimbledon's ambitions are

still focused at the top rather than the bottom of the table, although, with Coca-Cola Cup semi-final and FA Cup sixth-round places already achieved, a cup success would seem to offer their most likely route into Europe. They may have to play better than they

did on Tuesday, however. Wimbledon's forwards have won a lot of praise this season, but the decision to bring in Goodman, the new Ireland international, as a third striker, did not have the desired effect. Ekoku and Gayle had quiet games after a promising opening. "I'm ex-pecting a little more from my front players in the home match," Kinnear said.

By contrast, Heskey contin-ually threatened Wimbledon's security, even in the first half, when his side were second best. "When we had to readjust after losing Robert Ullathorne, we were penned back in, he was our outlet." O'Neill said.

"He was almost winning the game single-handedly for us. He kept it going in the second half, we got more help to him, and he did great. He is a terrific talent."

ironically. Heskey wasted Leicester's best chance as he put the ball over the bar from almost under it as he came in to meet Walsh's flick, but he came close to winning the game with a late shot, turned on to the post by Sullivan and, while he is in this mood. Wimbledon (and Chelsea, their FA Cup opponents who also await their visit) will write off Leicester at their

Blackburn may seek redress if Eriksson withdraws

By Peter Ball AND KEVIN MCCARRA

THE chances of Sven Goran Eriksson taking over as manager of Blackburn Rovers in the summer were looking increasingly slim last night. Sampdoria, was still refusing to confirm his plans yesterday. but his cryptic remarks increased the suspicion that he has now decided to move to

"I haven't got any comment to make," Eriksson said. "That can be construed in a certain way, but I can't speak about it, and it will be in the next couple of weeks that I will be able to announce my decision,"

Robert Coar, the Blackburn chairman, and Tom Finn, the club secretary, were unavailable for comment yesterday, but it is understood that Blackburn are taking legal advice and will be looking for compensation in the region of £500,000 if Erikssson, who signed a letter of agreement to join them on July 1. now

decides to accept Lazio's offer. The confusion was inreased yesterday when Tord Grip, Sweden's assistant manager, who had been filing reports on Blackburn for Eriksson, said that there had never been any question of him moving to Lancashire as Eriksson's assistant.

"I have just arrived home from Thailand with the national squad and I am aware of the rumours and stories." Grip said.

"I am as anxious as anyone to find out the truth, but it is not correct to say that I have been promised the assistant manager's job at Blackburn. That is quite wrong. Sven asked me to follow Blackburn and provide him with reports, and that is what I have been

doing."
Blackburn did have one piece of good news out of Scandinavia yesterday. Per Pedersen, Odense Sportklub's Denmark international striker, arrived at Ewood Park and, if training goes well over the next few days, he is expected to complete a £2.5 million transfer.

Rangers are to sign Tony vidmar, an Australia international, in the summer when he has completed his contract with NAC Breda, of Holland. Since Vidmar holds an Italian citizen of the European Union.

so no transfer fee is required. stimulate speculation that David Robertson will be leaving Ibrox. Robertson's contract ends in June and there have been reports that he would like to move to England. Rangers say that negotiations with Robertson are

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to greater efforts in the near-

Wohlberg starts positively

FROM PETER BRYAN IN KOTA KINABALU MALAYSIA

PAUL MANNING, of Great Britain, missed third place by 0.01sec in the opening stage of the 12-day Tour of Langkawi in Malaysia yesterday, when several of Europe's highlypaid riders were humbled.

Manning, who will spend part of this season in France with the intent of gaining a professional contract, was not alone in providing surprises in the 19.1-kilometre time-trial on tresting circuit.

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Eric Wohlberg. Canada's champion against the clock. was a convincing winner with a time of 24min 09sec and starts the stage today, of 115 kilometres, at Kuching, in the neighbouring state of Sarawak, wearing the race leader's yellow jersey. He has a lead of 27sec from Andrei Mizourov. of Kazakhstan, whose team placed three riders in the top

Among those who suffered the surprising ignominy of a lowly place was Gianni Bugno, twice the world road champion. In mitigation. there were complaints that it was a mistake to have the time-trial on the opening day because many riders would be tired after long flights from

abmad. Travel did not appear to affect Wohlberg, however, he and 44 others pushed Bugno Nown into 46th position, one place behind Andrea Tafi, his team colleague. Wohlberg, understandably, was delighted, especially as he started training only ten days before leaving for Malaysia.

HOCKEY

called the game off.

Students get shooting lesson

Cambridge University 1 By Sydney Friskin

CAMBRIDGE University fell short of firepower and lost to the Army at Milton Keynes yesterday in the run-up to the annual match against Oxford on March II.

The Army's four-man middle line, in which Hazlitt was the mainstay, generally had the measure of Mannail and Playfair, the Cambridge front runners, who could not penetrate significantly, despite the support of Bateman. On a cold and windy after-

noon, the playing conditions were difficult. Cambridge broke through in the early minutes, with Playfair forcing a short corner. Williams, the Army goalkeeper, saved a shot by Meredith, who had no luck on the follow-up. The Army soon put pressure on the Cambridge defence and Cambridge delence and Piotrowicz, the goalkeeper, was called on to save from Hazlitt at a short corner. The Army forced two more short corners before Mannali broke free to fire a shot at Williams. who saved comfortably.

The Army took the lead a minute before the interval. Hemmings passed from the left to Boyce, who scored with a strong, well-placed shot. The lead was increased four minutes into the second half when Tapp picked up a free hit and scored from the top of the

After another attempt by Playfair to beat the goalkeeper had failed, the Army increased their lead when Hazlitt converted the Army's sixth short corner, in the 58th minute. Cambridge retaliated with a well-taken goal by Mayer

from Bateman's free hit in the 65th minute, but, two minutes later, Mayer failed to convert a penalty stroke, his shot travelling high and wide. The Army forced seven short corners to four by Cambridge, who had previously lost to the Royal Navy and the RAF.

Navy and the RAF.

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Sussea).



Bateman, left, of Cambridge, puts in a tackle against Boxell, of the Army, yesterday

BASKETBALL

Nemeth recalls Whyte after England ban

England team that completes its programme in the European championship semi-final round when it plays Russia at Guildford next Wednesday (Nicholas Harling writes).

Whyte, the former Leopards centre, was banned from the recent game against Portugal after kicking over a chair in annoyance at a decision during a match in Germany in December, but, after England's defeat against Portugal, Laszio Nemeth, the coach.

IAN WHYTE returns to the has recalled Whyte, who recently moved from Besançon, the French club, to Porto.

Along with Whyte - the replacement for Martin Gottfried, of London Towers - all of England's foreign-based players are available to confront opponents who have already won group B.

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Wolde in poor health after waiting four years in jail without charge

Running out of time at end of world



There are ordeals in life that make marathons - even Olympic marathons - seem like an afternoon stroll. Marno Wolde, who clambered onto the winner's rostrum after the Olympic marathon in Mexico City in 1968, is about to set out on the last, and

toughest, lap of the worst ordeal of

Wolde has been held in an Ethiopian jail without charge, without trial, and without the benefit of legal advice, for the past 412 years. The International Olympic Committee and the International Amateur Athletic Federation have continually lobbied to have him released. Amnesty International has vigorously campaigned against holding Wolde and others like him without charges and

Now, at last, there is news of action of a sort. Wolde, who has always maintained his innocence, is to be charged. He still does not know what the specific charges are to be: he still has not been told what it is he is supposed to have done; but he knows that the ordeal is far from over. It was announced last week that Wolde is one of 5,198 Ethiopians to be charged with genocide, war crimes and mur-

Yet there was a time when Wolde was hailed as one of his land's finest heroes. He and Abebe Bikila, his countryman, were the great African double act of Olympic marathon history. Bikila won the event barefoot in Rome in 1960, and again four years later in Tokyo, just six weeks after an appendix operation and this time

wearing shoes. In Mexico City, in 1968, a leg injury forced Bikila to pull out after ten miles, but Wolde went on to win, making it three in a row for Ethiopia. His career spanned four Olympic games. In 1956, in Melbourne, Ethiooia competed for the first time, and Wolde, young and raw, finished last and almost unnoticed in the heats of the 800 and 1,500 metres. He was also in the 4 x 400 metres relay team —



Wolde, left, on a training run with Bikila, his fellow Ethiopian Olympic marathon champion

who also finished last in their

Yet, in the high altitude of Mexico City, Wolde came back to win gold by three minutes in the marathon and silver in the 10.000 metres. His athletic ability had won him, too, a career in the army. He went home a hero to Addis Ababa, where he was promoted to captain in the imperial guard of the aging Emperor Haile Selassie, and he was promised a fine new home — but he never got it.

In 1974 Haile Selassie was over-

thrown by a military coup. The army leaders, under Mengistu, established a ruthless communist regime. A reign of terror followed for 17 years, with regulations outlawing private land ownership and assembly ruth-lessly enforced by revolutionary guards. According to Amnesty International, when the Government was overthrown in 1974, Wolde was thrown out of the army and went on

to work as an athletic coach up to the

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time of his arrest in 1992. In late 1991 the new Ethiopian

Government rounded up more than 2,000 alleged officials and collaborators with the Mengistu regime, and Wolde was caught up in this sweep and arrested. Except for two short periods of temporary release, he has-been detained without trial ever

> It is difficult, even for visitors to his jail, to work out exactly what it is alleged he has done. Kenny Moore, the American athlete and sportswriter, who ran with him in Mexico and who finished a place behind him in

the Olympic marathon in Munich in 1972, was allowed to visit Wolde two years ago.

At the prison, known as The End of the World, Moore established that the original allegation was that Wolde had got involved in a summary execution in 1978, but that there were many witnesses who said that Wolde had shot nobody. There was only one person levelling the accusa-tion against Wolde, and the other witnesses believed that there was an attempt to pin the blame on Wolde to save the skin of a corrupt official.

Moore found Wolde in poor physical and mental health, suffering from liver trouble, bronchitis and hearing loss - but still adamant that he was completely innocent. Other visitors, including Amnesty International, have confirmed that Wolde is a sick man, with his eyesight also now failing, and none of them has been able to establish any substance in the allegations against him.

The news last week that there may at last be specific charges and trials of such prisoners has been welcomed by

'Originally he was alleged to have been involved in an execution'

Amnesty, but even so they are concerned that those charged in Addis Ababa could receive death sentences if found guilty - the fate that could await 46 defendants already on trial there. Amnesty opposes the death penalty in all cases as the ultimate, cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment.

There has been enough killing in Ethiopia," the organisation said, "and further executions will not right the wrongs or contribute towards better respect for human rights in the country now and in the future." At least, with the promise of a trial,

Wolde, now 65, will not rot away in The End of the World without even a charge being brought against him. In Mexico City, when Wolde brought gold and glory to Ethiopia with the race of his life, the world

watched with admiration. If, at last, he is put on trial, perhaps this time for his life, Ethiopia should know that, once again, the eyes of the world will be on them and the fate of Mamo

JOHN BRYANT

A danger kept in the dark

Document: And Sheep May Safely Graze. Radio 4.7.20pm.

The cloud of radioactive contamination that drifted across the whole The cloud of radioactive contamination that drifted across the whole of Europe after the Chernobyl explosion in 1986 was said to have settled, in part, over the hills of northern Wales. The result was that many of the sheep bound for market, and ultimately our dinner tables, had a temporary reprieve because they were banned from the food chain. Most of us had thought that was the end of the matter, but this edition of Document raises a possibility not previously known to me: that some of the contamination came not from Chernobyl but from a fire at Windscale nuclear plant. 30 years earlier. Rob Edwards, of the New Scientist, examines documentation not previously in the public domain.

In Repertory. Radio 3, 1.00pm.

Radio 3 is good at programmes that uncover how artists in many Radio 3 is good at programmes that uncover how artists in many fields actually operate and why they tackle their roles in a particular way. This new series is presented by Rodney Milnes, the opera critic of The Times and editor of Opera magazine, and is devoted to leading opera singers and the roles that they have made famous. I am not, it should be said, an opera buff, but great chefs are fascinating to hear, even if one cannot cook. Thus, the first interview, with Ileana Cotrubas, the Romanian-born soprano, is an absorbing glimpse into her approach to one of the great soprano roles, that of Violetta in Verdi's La Traviata.

Peter Barnard

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Players finding pitfalls in spectator-friendly format drew Shelley, the SSL director, said. Dunraven Maesteg, and that of "We moved from 15-point games to consolidate the evenings from an dropped a vital home point to Harris Europe and North America. Point-BY COLIN MCOUILLAN

WITH Mark Cairns, the British champion, losing to Derek Ryan, of Ireland, and Simon Parke, the England No 1, going down to Del Harris. of Colchester, in the Super Squash League (SSL) this week, some players are suggesting that the new, ninepoint. American scoring system, brought in this season, is the reason for such surprise results.

"It certainly changes things." An-

entertainment point of view and it has been an unqualified success. Not a single tie has finished 3-0 so far this season and few matches last beyond 55 minutes. With a single show court, this is a perfect format for club

audiences. The defeat of Cairns, by 9-6, 9-0, 5-9, 2-9, 9-3, as Ryan led Rowlands Manchester to a 2-1 home win over

in Surbiton's 2-1 win over ICL Lionhearts, the defending SSL champions, illustrates the downside of a scoring system adopted purely for

presentation reasons. Cairns and Parke developed through the national squad system set up by Jonah Barrington and the late Edward Poore. They are classic

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per-rally scoring over the short ninepoint course tends to rattle them. Nothing illustrates the changed

situation more than the complete failure of Mark Chaloner, the discovery of last season, to win a single match for ICL Lionhearts so far this season. Yet Chaloner is one of the strongest advocates on the SSL panel English players, long on patient of the new scoring, Shelley insists.

are providing entertainment as much as competition," he said. "It is not like bidding for the game's great historic titles or even like club play with no time confinements.

"Mark is a slow starter, who knows he has to find a way to win within the changing demands of the league's presentation devices. Just another professional skill, really."



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WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 42 **HAPTOTROPISM** (c) The phenomenon whereby plant organs, as the tendrils of climbing plants, exhibit tropic movements in response to the stimulus of touch.

LYCID (c) Of or pertaining to a beetle of the family Lycidae. From the Greek proper name Lukos. The generic name is Lycus. introduced by J. C. Fabricius in Mantissa Insectorum, 1787. The cerambycid beetle Elytroleptus ignitus is a mimic of the tycid beetles lycus loripes and Lycus simulans. They are typical cases of Batesian mimicry, the cerambycids being palatable to predators but gaining protection by looking like the distasteful lycids."

(c) A kitchen electric mixer. An affectionate shortened form of the French proprietary brand name Moulinette.

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Enter big Jonathan, the naked iconoclast

The choicest of the choices from last night's menu conglimpse, for Meades is very nearly as broad as he is long, but it set a sisted of the start of a sufficiently wacky tone for this, the documentary series which is presuccessor to Further Abroad. As sented by the restaurant critic of will be obvious from its title, Even The Times but is not about food, Further Abroad is about Britain. the end of a series about cooking, Meades writes about food, but presented by a man who is much he is also a dab hand with more than a chef, and the first part of a drama series by an established

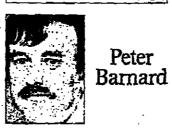
contextual architecture, which is to say buildings put in their proper, sociological, place. He regards the conventional wisdom (we have this television writer who had not written for the BBC before. Conventional wisdom would much in common) with a deep scepticism, a rightful distaste. And have it that I should be vicariously modest and underplay my col-league Jonathan Meades, that the iike so many people whose smiling muscles get little exercise, he is last in any series ought to be wonderfully funny. relegated to two paragraphs and that the start of a six-part drama

The purpose of Even Further Abroad is to inform us that. must be given half an acre of architecturally, Britain has a great future behind it, that the past's analysis at the very least. But you. future was altogether more vivid I hardly know Jonathan Meades and exciting and fresh than the but I have seen him naked. It future seen from the present. happened during the opening credits of Even Further Abroad Meades hates the retro-puniness credits of Even Further Abroad which is today's future, and to (BBC2). It was a mercifully brief prove it he strides through one of

trampling model people underfoor and setting fire to a model contage by stubbing out a cigarette on its

I hope the Prince of Wales, if he was watching, did not switch off at that point but stayed tuned until Meades reached Poundbury, the twee little village near Dorchester which was decreed by HRH himself. As Meades said: "We honour the opinions, no matter how idle no matter how bone headed, of these accidents of birth ... we are invited to advance

timorously into the past. My only choice is to retreat into the future. Meades prefers the 1960s-ish developments, the tower-block universities and the deliciously sinister golf-ball listening posts on the Yorkshire moors. He is, of course, selective, but I think he is saying that the response to a few errors in high-tech development should be refinement, not a return to some REVIEW



longed-for past lifted from a sepia

Peter

print in granny's photo album. The polemic is made all the more palatable by the pyrotechnics, or stunts if you insist, which include a "tonibenometer", named for Tony Benn's 1960s role as Technology Minister: a converted telephone with toy sensors which measure the appeal of technoarchitecture (a television transmitter scores ten).

In contrast to all that, Rick Stein's Fruits of the Sea (BBCZ) ended its run last night and I can only beg for an early repeat. Stein is the best of the telly chefs, which is not a judgment of his cooking ability but of his style and presentation. I am to some extent biased, for I was born in Cornwall and I am hopelessly enamoured of the sea, so a Padstow chef cooking fish can have his own channel in my

Still and all, Stein leaves most of his relevision rivals standing. Food and Drink has become truly horrible: dull, pretentious and rootedly middle-class, while Gary Rhodes is likeable but prone to Blue Peter mannerisms. Delia Smith, like all royalty, only moves her hands, but Stein is the one who inseparably links the food and its source, which is as it should be

Last night Stein cooked for the Royal Navy at RNAS Culdrose and had to relaunch the meal

because of a mix-up over clarified butter: a strength of the show is that errors get edited in, not out He also cooked for his staff on the beach and in between launched a diatribe on behalf of fishermen, a breed disgracefully betrayed by political nincompoops.

o, two documentaries with plenty of drama. But where was the drama in the drama? Insiders (BBCI) is a six-parter about an open prison and is written by Lucy Gannon, whose ITV credits include Peak Practice. Soldier, Soldier and Bramwell: not a duffer among them. I am reluctant to dismiss a series on one episode, but Insiders took a long time to get going and when it did get going it did not go anywhere I cared about. That may change.

One problem last night had to do with a lack of focus. It was not clear whether we were supposed to home in on the prison, or on the the inside and the people on the outside. Gannon has said that she intends to deal with both, an ambition that was clearer by the end than in the first 20 minutes.

The key figure in this episode was Mark Gordon (Bill Nighy), in prison for VAT fraud and just transferred from a closed prison. The tension between Gordon and Gerry Cosmo (Robert Cavanah), a prison officer who is coincidentally moved from the same open prison, is never quite developed to the point of ultimate confrontation, which tends to leave expectations unfulfilled.

Even when Gordon's wife has a fling with his former business partner, the kiss-and-make-up scene on the beach (this jail has its own heach, how open can you get?) arrives too quickly. Perhaps the sea is at fault: such a calming influence is more conducive to cooking fish than hatching plots.

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11.00 News (T) and weather (6103865) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (3177914) 11.35 Change That (5088643) 12.00 News (T) and weather (6105391) 12.05pm The Alphabet Game (5798759)

12.30 Going for a Song (7072594) 12.55 The Weather Show (34189440) 1.00 News (T) and weather (86662) 1.30 Regional News (98013223) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (20682914) 2.05 Quincy (8987594)

2.50 Put it to the Test (5501020) 3.20 Minlature Worlds (2652597)

3.30 Playdays (r) (1491204) 3.50 Wham! Barr! Strawberry Jam! (7296198) 4.05 Casper Classics (2270138) 4.10 Rugrats (9595778) 4.35 The Realty Wild Show (T) (6089372) 5.00 Newsround (1) (7946440) 5.10 Grange Hill (7) (1236914) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (723391)

6.00 News (T) and weather (643) 6.30 Newsroom South East (223)

7.00 Watchdog Consumer issues (T) (6310) 7.30 EastEnders Billy's latest adventure turns into a nightmare for Carol. Peggy hopes to mark the end of her long struggle with a tamily get-together, but Kathy is in no mood for celebrating, and Tony lands himself a new job (1) (407)

8.00 Wildlife on One An insight into the world of the sea turtles which live among the coral reefs off the coast of Borneo (T) (2730)

8.30 Next of Kin Maggie and Andrew discover Philip is being picked on at school and newly converted Budchist Georgia

decides to show the builty the error of his ways. Last in series (T) (1865)

9.00 News (1) and weather (1469)
9.30 Chalk New comedy series set in a modern comprehensive with David Bamber, Nicota Walker and 10.00 Men Behaving Badly (r) (1) (27845) 10.30 The Frank Skinner Show Chat and

stand-up cornedy (T) (36594)

11.00 Question Time Topical debate from London, chaired by David Dimbleby with panelists Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, Labour's Chief Whip Donald Dewar, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead and the academic and novellst Germaine Green (T) (708407)

11.35 The Mrs Merton Show The plainspeaking dovenne of talk show hosts is joined on the sofa by presenter Jonathan ss and tashlon supremo Jeff Banks (r) (1) (9160995)

12.05em FILM: The FBI Murders (1988) Tense real-life drama with David Soul and Michael Gross. Two deranged killers terrorise the citizens of Miami - and become prime targets of the FBI in the process. Directed by Dick Lowry (T)

1,35-1,40 Weather (2995976)

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5.55 Turning Points.(r) (477136 6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (1) (568198)

6.45 Quantum Leap (r) (783730)

7.30 First Sight Themes Valley University's Vice-Chancellor Mike Fitzgerald faces students who fear that the egalitarian policy of higher education for all will devalue their degrees (579) WALES: Surely Some Mistake? EAST: Matter of Fact MIDLANDS: Midlands Report NORTH/ NORTH EAST/NORTH WEST/SOUTH WEST/WEST: Close Up

Surely Some Mistake? A four-part series in which people talk trankly about business and managerial misjudgments (1) (7152) 8.30 Top Gear Jeremy Clarkson test-drives selection of sports cars (1) (9407) WALES: Out of Time

9.00 Third Rock from the Sun Dick in filtrates Dr Albright's women's group — in drag (I) (960662)



Slamese twin Duan (9.25pm)

Horizon: Siamese Twins The first of a new series Thai orphans Dao and Duan, Siamess twin sisters who survived an operation to separate them (7) (967407) 10.15 Before I Die A widower who is 81 and in

pain from prostate and bone cancer wants the choice of euthanasia (349575) 10.28 Video Nation Shorts (888049) 10.30 Newsnight (1) (972353) 11.15 Late Review (396001) 11.55 Skiing

Forecast (842020) 12.00 The Midnigh . Hour (25402) 12:30am Open University: Imagining Worlds 1.00 Out of the Melting Pot 2.00 Newsfile 4.00 World Spanish 5.00

CHOICE Wildlife On One: Reef Encounter BBC1. 8.00om

Bringing back footage of astonishing clarity, cameras cruise a coral reel in the South Pacific. The focus is partly on the plants, corals, sharks and other longstanding members of the oldest reef community in the world, a delicately balanced system which has evolved over millions of years. But the has evolved over minions of years, but he lens is also trained on a notable gatecrasher, though not a very recent one. Turdles first invaded the coral seas in the age of the dinosaurs. But they are only temporary visitors, as they have to come to the surface for air. They must also leave the water to lay that are sometimes they not lost in their eggs. Sometimes they get lost in underwater caves. The saddest images are of skeletons of turtles who never made it. Otherwise this is an upbeat tale, free of the violence of so many wildlife documentaries.

Surely Some Mistake BBC2,8.00pm (Wales,7.30pm; not Northern Ireland or Scotland)

This anthology of great marketing blunders comes from BBC Education, but it could comes from BBC Education, but it could have been made by the comedy department. It is to the credit of the red-faced victims that they are willing to come before the cameras and relive their embarrassment. First off is Sir Stephen Roberts, begetter of Lymeswold cheese. What with top billing on the main BBC news, this would be delicacy could not have got off to a better start. But the publicity billing most to a better start, But the publicity billing most to a better start. blitz meant nothing in the face of customer resistance. We then hear from Harry Coen, who as acting editor of *The Catholic Herald* found himself vilified for printing an attack on the newly deceased Archbishop Warlock. He, too, had misjudged his market. Bryan Colling and the company of the contraction Ellis, a toy company executive, got it hopelessly wrong when he turned down the Ninja Turtles. At least he can laugh about it.

Horizon: Siamese Twins BBC2, 9.25pm

Jon Palfreman brings up to date his awardwinning documentary about Dao and Duan, the Siamese twins who travel from their native Thailand to the United States for separation surgery. Approaching the age of three, they are among the oldest twins to be separated but they are in the best possible hands. Dr John O'Neill of the Children's Homital of Philadelphia is a world expect on conjoined twins and the hospital has done its separations. But, and this is the crux of Palfreman's film, Dao and Duan are a particularly difficult challenge. They share the pelvis and a third leg, their spines and a control of the pelvis and a third leg, their spines and a control of the c colons are fused and each has only one kidney. The 14-hour operation, shown in intimate close-up, is a triumph of medical skill but there could still be psychological

BBC1, 9.30pm

Steven Moffatt's new comedy seems bent on doing for schools what Faulty Towers did for the hotel business. The first episode even borrows a famous Faulty Towers plot, the refuses to go away. The Basil role goes to David Bamber as the apoplectic deputy headmaster of an 809-strong comprehensive (820 if you count the pregnancies). As in Fawlty Towers the dominant mode is farce, which means lots of rushing about, mistaken identities and the headmaster (John Wells) getting himself locked in a cupboard. A forthright new teacher (Nicola Walker) provides the only strain of normality. In comparison with the John Cleese-Connie Booth masterpiece, Chalk inevitably comes off second best but a lively cast and Moffatt's sometimes grisly sense of fun are assets that Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (1173827) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (1277117) 9.55 Regional News (T) (5245681) 10.00 The Time, the Place (65681) 10.30 This Morning (T) (33598440) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (6101575)

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Johnny Leeze stars (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmendate Ned Glover (Johnny Leeze) is gunning for Chris Tate (Peter Amory)

trapping a roomful of crooks (T) (4198) 8.30 Michael Barrymore's Strike it Rich game show (T) (6933)

9.00 Reckless Owen is delighted when Anna begins divorce proceedings against Richard, but he comes down to earth when it becomes clear she is only nterested in using him to get back at her wawward husband. Humiliated, he resigns from the hospital and prepares to teave Manchester for good - but soon discovers Cupid works in mysterious

ways (T) (6407) 10.00 News (T) and weather (12914) 10.30 Regional News (T) (452001) 10.40 The West This Week (172551) 11.25 Frieze Frame New series (365136)

11.40 FILM: Empire City (1991) with Michael Pare, Mary Mara and Beau Start. Contemporary film now about an unorthodox, streetwise detective is paired by a new female company to investigate murder, Directed by Mark Rosner (218469)

R4228) 5.00 The New Mr and Mrs Show

1.05 In Bed with McDinner (8209889) 1.35 Funny Business (1439095) 2.05 Cyber Cafe (8075353) 2.35 Late and Loud (8157599) 3.35 Stand and Deliver (r) (2318266) 4.30 The Time, the Place (r)

(r) (53860) 5,30 News (20957)

As HTV West except: 12,55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (7075681) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7553117) 6.25 Central News (725285) 6,55-7.00 Lifeline (671285)

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1.40 Club Nation (6639976)

2.40 Shift (9111044) 3.35 Planet Rock Profiles (60936995) 4.09 Cool Vibes (42345624)

4.05 Central Jobfinder '97 (4844402) 5.20 Asian Eye (2434711) WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (6101575) 12.55-1.25 Emmerdale (7075681) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7553117) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (56846) 10.30 Westcountry News (476681)

10.45 Special Report (499391) 11,15 Tales from the Cider County (496204) 11.45 Traps (752643) 12.40am-1,05 Alfred Hitchcock Presents

MERIDIAN As HTV West except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (7553117) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (339) 6.30-7.00 Getaways (391) 10.40 FILM: Midnight Express (1978) The story of a young American who faces a brutal stay in a Turkish jeil (47028662)

5.00am Freescreen (53860) ANGLA

As HTV West except: 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (6113310) 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (7075681) 6.25 Anglia News (725285)

6.55-7.00 What's On (671285) 10.30 Anglia News and Weather (476681) 10,45 Cover Story (499391) 11.15 Crime Special Update (496204)

11.45 Hunter (752643) 12.40am Alfred Hitchcock Presents (8345841)

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4.00 Fifteen-to-Ome (T) (204) 4.30 Countdown (T) (488) 5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (6556) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (440) 6.00 New Gamesmaster Guide to the latest computer and arcade games (T) (681) 5.30 Hollyoaks Teen scap (1) (933)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) and weather (596662) 7.50 The People's Agenda (520372) 8.00 An Inspector Calls: Kitchen Raids The work of food inspectors in Newcastle



Cooking in a tepes (8.30pm)

8.30 TV Dinners (7/9) Hugh Feamley-Whittingstall continues his loray through the world of energetic amateur cooks. Tonight he joins Penny Sinclair as she prepares an exotic menu of Japanese, Chinese and Uzbekistani dishes, while Sam Thornley dishes up a Zen least in his tepee in the Scottish wilderness to celebrate his first year of living off the land (1) (4575)

9.00 Dispatches A look at the extent of sent and unrest in Saudi Arabia (959488)

9.45 The Long Johns Sir George Part is Interviewed on the subject of becoming a tax exile. With John Bird and John Fortune (1) (389933)

10.00 FILM: Blonde Fist (1990) with Margi Clarke and Carroll Baker, Cornedy drama about a boxer's daughter struggling to make a lite for herself and her young child on Merseyside. Directed by Frank Clarke (1) (135223)

11.55 The Unpleasant World of Penn and Teller Macabre magic (884846)

12.25am Dead or Alive A Secret History documentary that uncovers new evi dence about the 2,000 Cypriots who disappeared after the invasion of Cyprus by Turkey (r) (T) (4965082)

1.25 Nothing But the Truth Paul Boateng presides over a discussion (r) (2641808) 2,30 Nomads (2/4) Exploration of Inner Mongolia through the lives of two families (r) (1) (84112)

3,30 Schools (201686) 5.20 Backdate (3026570)

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SKY SPORTS 2 8,00pm Snooker: International Open Live (6772894) 11.00 Football Scrapbook (4560310) 12.30em-1.00 Hall of Fame

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Richard Burton, Clint Eastwood in Where Eagles Dare (TNT, 9pm)

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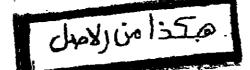
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World record fee secures move

Newcastle have to dig deep for Tuigamala

VA'AIGA TUIGAMALA yestract to play rugby union for Newcastle and, in so doing, helped the sporting club on Tyneside that is bankrolled by Sir John Hall to break a world transfer fee record for the second time in seven months.

Last July, Newcastle United Football Club paid £15 million to secure the services of Alan Shearer. Yesterday, the Courage Clubs Championship second division rugby union club, the fledgeling arm of Sir John's empire, showed that it, too, means business with a deal that comfortably exceeds

By turning his back on rugby league, Tuigamala, the former All Black, becomes the most expensive player in union history as part of a package which dwarfs the fees paid by Swansea and Rich-mond for Scott Gibbs and Scott Quinnell respectively. Tuigamala, 28, has ended a

three-year association with Wigan, for whom he played 99 times and scored 60 tries. His winter sojourn at Wasps whetted his appetite for the union game and that, combined with Wigan's financial situation Newcastle's muscle, meant that a move was inevitable. Wigan will receive an estimated £500,000 while Tuigamala will earn at least £150,000 a year. Newcastle

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will repay a £180,000 loyalty bonus to the Super League on his behalf. The mood at Newcastle was

upbeat as Tuigamala completed his move, the glint in Sir Having been delayed at a Bank of England board meet-ing earlier in the day, he was soon into his stride, first enthusing about his plans to make Newcastle the dominant

club force in Europe and then taking a swipe at the Rugby Football Union for questioning his resolve, commitment

Beside him, Tuigamala, a Western Samoan noted for his Christian beliefs, sat beaming. He was more circumspect, speaking only of his delight at signing and his intention to help to spread the "gospel of

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> ing clubs we are helping to develop the English team." Tuigamala, who joins Pat Lam, his compatriot and international captain, at Kingston Park, is not eligble for Newcastle's Pilkington Cup tie against Leicester on Saturday.

rugby" to the North East. "The whole package is attractive, not just for me but also my family." Tuigamala said. He becomes the fifteenth international recruited by Rob Andrew, the Newcastle director of rugby, whose revolution has so far cost more than £3

million.

"As a Christian there is a real fellowship here and I thank God for guiding me," fuigamala said. "I've always been an ambitious person and set my own goals and stan-dards. Newcastle are going places and that is something I have always thrived on."

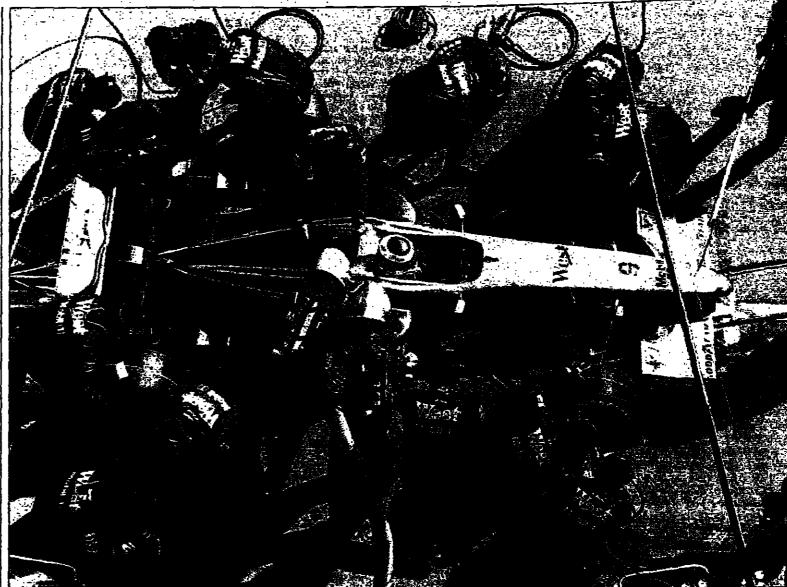
Asked if he agreed with the suggestion that his best years were behind him, Tuigamala said: "I'm not at my prime — I think I'm just starting to crawi. I feel I have a lot to offer on and off the field. I have always been fortunate that I have had a talent which I am very proud of and a reputation that I have got to uphold. Wigan enhanced that, but Newcastle will allow me the

chance to express myself."

Andrew denied that he had taken a gamble and hinted that more signings were likely. "We have signed one of the world's rugby stars both on and off the field," he said. "His personality will help to promote the game in the North East. We are determined to build a strong squad which

Sir John believes that the creation of a transfer market will benefit rugby union as a vhole, not just Newcastle "We are all in competition," he said "Each club, each investor, will decide what he can afford. That's the marketplace. Rugby union has a tremendous future, that is why we are in it. By develop-

He is expected to make his debut against Wakefield on



David Coulthard waits as the McLaren-Mercedes mechanics practise their pit-stop routine at the Montmelo circuit, Spain, yesterday



Hill must appear as a prosecution witness in Imola

Williams case casts pall over Formula One testing

By Ouver Hour

DAMON HILL, the Formula One world champion, was testing his new Arrows-Yamaha at Silverstone yesterday, but, like the rest of the sport, his mind was far away at another circuit. The trial of members of the Williams team that Hill used to drive for, for the manslaughter of Ayrton Senna, begins in Imola today and Hill was preoccupied with its ramifications.

Because of a quirk of Italian law, Hill will appear as a witness for the prosecution. even though he was a teammate of Senna, the Brazilian three-times world champion, when he was killed in a crash at the Tamburello corner during the 1994 San Marino Grand Prix. Hill was originally called to appear at the trial today, but has now been told that it will be in the spring.

of thing to have to go liarns team, were also initially through." Hill said "it was scheduled to appear today, but traumatic enough going through it the first time, when Ayrton died, and to have to experience it all again is not really what you need.

"It is not something you want to dwell on too much, but lessons have to be learnt and. since Ayrton's death, a lot of things have changed in Formula One and it is a lot safer. His crash highlighted the fact that we have got a responsibility to provide entertainment to the public and not just a macabre spectacle."

The opening of the trial today is likely to be dominated by procedural detail with none of the protagonists present. Frank Williams, the Williams team owner, Patrick Head, the technical director, and Adrian Newey, the chief designer, the three accused from the Wilscheduled to appear today, but the Italian courts decided that it was in everybody's interest to avoid a media mêlée and they, along with three race officials who are facing the

same charge, will all appear within the next three months Prosecutors at the trial will argue that the steering column on Senna's car snapped as a result of a poor weld as he turned into the Tamburello curve at Imola. Williams believe that the break was caused by the impact of the

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Manslaughter carries a maximum prison sentence of five years in Italy, although legal sources there expect that, in the event of a conviction, a suspended sentence is most likely to be imposed.

Senna trial, page 14

Fate hands Allenby scope to make Olympic point

1F Kate Allenby succeeds in retaining her British modern tetrathlon title in Bracknell this weekend, it will be a triumph for improvisation. She hopes, too, that the Inter-national Olympic Committee (IOC) might be impressed by how determined women from the field of modern pentath-

lon are. Allenby. 22, a fitness consultant from Reading, has seized on the chance to build a political platform out of her misfortune. She has sprained her left wrist and, after deciding that she will improvise on Saturday using her untrained right hand, she telephoned several national newspapers yesterday to tell her story because "modern pentathlon is a minority sport and we do not get much coverage". It was also a chance to score a

point on behalf of women. Tetrathlon is modern pentathlon minus the riding, a combination of fencing. shooting, swimming and running. Allenby, the 1996 World David Powell talks to

a woman out to win approval for her sport

Cup bronze medal-winner, has but one ambition -Olympic gold. Except that modern pentathion is, and

always has been, an Olympic

sport for men only. "It has military origins and the men have been competing in the Games since 1912." Allenby said. "Women have been competing internation ally only since 1976. We have had to prove that we can compete at what is decined Olympic level. I feel we have done that. It is just persuading the powers that be. At the moment the word on the

Allenby was on her way to training a month ago when she slipped on ice and sprained her wrist. Since then she has learnt to fence with her right hand, determined to

street in quite positive."

ces count towards selection for the world championships Sixth in the world last year,

she is aiming higher.

Whether the right hand knows what the left hand has been doing remains open to question. "It is going to be tricky because fenting is one of the structure delta and I of my strongest skills and I pick up a lot of points on my fellow athletes," Allenby said. "I am not as co-ordinated with my right hand, but, once you have learnt the basic moves, it is quite easy to transfer it to the other side."

Allenby estimates that she is "70 per cent as good" with her right hand, "Normally, I would hope to be leading after the fencing, but I would settle for the top five this Saturday." she said. There will be a lot more pressure on me in the other events to pull back the

"I have had more time on my hands because I have not been fencing, so I have been training more in the other events. I cannot twist my wrist, but I can keep it straight, which is why the shooting is not going to be a

Given the IOC's reluctance to admit women modern pentathletes, surely Alienby must be tempted to move into triathion? A combination of swimming, cycling and run-ning, it makes its Olympic debut, for men and women, at Sydney 2000. She is not keen. It works differently from modern pentathlon because it is a very endurance-based sport." Allenby said. "I would have to change a lot of my training and learn to ride a

bike." Then, as she intends to

prove with her right hand on Saturday, she learns quickly.

Universities unite in **Boat Race** declaration

"It is a very unpleasant sort

By MIRE ROSEWELL

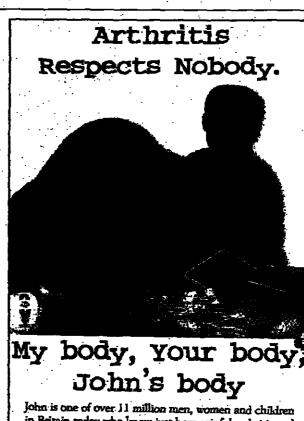
WITH the crews for the 1997 Boat Race scheduled to be announced on Monday, the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Clubs issued a "Joint Understanding" yesterday to counter the comments in recent years concerning the scholarships being offered to attract oarsmen to the respective camps.

The "understanding", set up by the two treasurers, Miles Morland, of Oxford, and John Marks, of Cambridge, "reaffirms the Clubs determination that the Boat Race shall comply with the highest standards of amateur sportsmanship and that any differ-ences shall be settled privately between the Clubs."

A Boat Race panel, of the two treasurers and one senior old Blue from each university, will arbitrate and give guidance on disputed matters, particularly on admissions which shall be strictly in accordance with the stipulated procedure of each university. No financial support of any kind shall be given to crew members by the Clubs or those associated with them."

Marks said: "There has been a lot of niggling on both sides in recent years. The competition on the water has been superb. We do not want battles off the water."

Established scholarships such as the Rhodes at Oxford and the Commonwealth at Cambridge, will remain, since they both have strong academic components. The Alf Twinn Bursary, introduced at Cambridge four years ago to finance carsmen and objected to by Oxford, will disappear.



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